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NO. II -GLASS IN DOMESTIC USE.

GLASS is so extensively used for purposes of utility and ornament that it is scarcely possible to examine its several applications in any reasonable compass. The difficulty is increased by the variety of the results produced from the different processes of vitrification, and the closeness of the imitations of gems, jaspers, porphyries, and marbles which have recently been brought before the public. It is not our purpose on the present occasion to enter into any examination of the applications of opaque or coloured glass, and still less to investigate the union of glass with other substances, whether for use or ornament: we shall confine our attention to transparent glass. and examine its most common uses.

The historical notices respecting the invention of glass are so vague and contradictory that they scarcely merit examination,—but those who visit the Egyptian-rooms at the British Museum will find good reason to believe that it was derived from the previous invention of pottery, and the accidental discovery of the glazing pro-cess in the furnaces. A child soon discovers the plastic nature of clay and the permanence given to its forms by exposure to heat; it was an easy step to try whether its hardness and durability might not be increased by artificial heat, and in the furnace the accidental presence of vitreous substances would soon call attention to the effects of glazing. When recently visiting a pottery for coarse earthenware, on the seacoast, we noticed this effect repeatedly produced; and on subsequent examination of the Egyptian antiquities we found evidences of glazing ascending to a higher antiquity than any fragment of glass of which the age can be satisfactorily established. This theory is not irreconcilable with Pliny's account of the Phoenician discovery of glass, because the Egyptian glass appears to have been always coarse and opaque, similar to that in our common bottles. When the Phoenician mariners employed fossil alkali for their fires on the sands of the Polys the translucent substance which of the Pelus, the translucent substance which resulted was not regarded as a novelty, else ignorant sailors would scarcely have bestowed a thought upon the process; but their attention was sure to be excited by discovering in a more perfect form a substance with which their voy-ages to Egypt had made them previously ac-

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Much of the difficulty connected with the history of glass arises from the want of sufficient distinction between vitrified and somi-vitrified substances; the Greeks applied the term wakes indiscriminately to both, and further extended it to all transparent or semi-transparent substances. We have, however, some means of testing the extent of the Phoenician glass-manufactures; it is generally known that Palestine was the granary of the Tyrians and Sidonians; from the age of David to that of Nebuchadnezzar the Israelites imported all their better articles of dress and ornament from the Phænicians, paying for them with agricultural produce. Now, among the ornaments of the Jewish ladies enumerated by Isaiah (chap. iii.), there is but one which could have been made of glass, the smelling-bottle (in our version "tablet"), and even this may be rendered "a perfume-box." The Greeks, however, inform us that the Phoenician and other eastern nations were accustomed to stud and even cover the ceilings and walls of their apartments with glass, and we learn from Morier that the custom is not yet disused in Persia.

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The most ordinary application of glass in modern times is for windows, a purpose to which glass appears not to have been applied before the fourth century. Without entering into any antiquarian discussion respecting the gradual introduction of glass windows, it is only necessary to state that our ancestors looked only to two objects, the admission of light,—and the exclusion of cold. To render the inside of a house or an anattment visible from the outside never entered apartment visible from the outside never entered into their contemplation. In churches, indeed, there was usually an anxiety to exclude those within from the distraction of external objects, and hence arose the use of stained glass. The rich mellowed light which streamed through the storied window seemed to belong to a state of existence different from that of the ordinary world, and to sever the worshipper from all connexion with the material universe. We are not disposed to deny that such adjuncts to devotion may have been abused; but when we know, from ex-perience, how difficult the process of complete abstraction from worldly things is to the most truly pious, and how the slightest sight or sound is sufficient to interrupt the earnestness of men-tal dedication, we feel ready to vindicate the wisdom that "shut out the world when man was brought into the immediate presence of his Creator."

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The historical notices respecting the invention of glass are so vague and contradictory that they scarcely merit examination,—but those who visit the Egyptian-rooms at the British Museum will find good reason to believe that it was derived from the previous invention of pottery, and the accidental discovery of the glazing process in the furnaces. A child soon discovers the plastic nature of clay and the permanence given to its forms by exposure to heat; it was an easy to its forms by exposure to heat; it was an step to try whether its hardness and durability might not be increased by artificial heat, and in the furnace the accidental presence of vitreous substances would soon call attention to the effects of glazing. When recently visiting a pottery for coarse earthenware, on the seacoast, we noticed this effect repeatedly produced; and on subse-quent examination of the Egyptian antiquities we found evidences of glazing ascending to a higher antiquity than any fragment of glass of which the age can be satisfactorily established.

This theory is not irreconcilable with Pliny's account of the Phœnician discovery of glass, because the Egyptian glass appears to have been always coarse and opaque, similar to that in our common bottles. When the Phœnician mariners employed fossil alkali for their fires on the sands the Pelus, the translucent substance which resulted was not regarded as a novelty, else ignorant sailors would scarcely have bestowed a thought upon the process; but their attention was sure to be excited by discovering in a more perfect form a substance with which their voy-ages to Egypt had made them previously acquainted.

Much of the difficulty connected with the history of glass arises from the want of sufficient distinction between vitrified and semi-vitrified substances; the Greeks applied the term valos indiscriminately to both, and further extended it to all transparent or semi-transparent substances. however, some means of testing the extent of the Phoenician glass-manufactures; it is generally known that Palestine was the granary of the Tyrians and Sidonians; from the age of David to that of Nebuchadnezzar the Israelite imported all their better articles of dress and ornament from the Phœnicians, paying for them with agricultural produce. Now, among the ornaments of the Jewish ladies enumerated by Isaiah (chap. iii.), there is but one which could have been made of glass, the smelling-bottle (in our version "tablet"), and even this may be rendered "a perfume-box." The Greeks, how-ever, inform us that the Phænician and other eastern nations were accustomed to stud and even cover the ceilings and walls of their apartments with glass, and we learn from Morier that the custom is not yet disused in Persia.

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Bottles, decanters, and drinking glasses, are such matters of universal use, that we sometimes have been surprised at the little variation of form and decoration to the found in the found decoration to be found in them. The form of bottles appears to have been determined by pre-scription, and to have been fixed in that which renders them unfit for mess-tables; but assuredly there can be no reason assigned for perpetuating ugliness in any article, or taking for a model a gas-pipe stuck into a beer-barrel. The neck of the bottle must be a cylinder of narrow diameter, and the body a cylinder of large diameter; now the cone furnishes a beautiful means of making an easy transmission from one to the other, and we can see no reason why our old friend Port should be worse-treated than our modern acquaintance Hock.

Most cut-decanters are spoiled by what was designed for decoration; art can recognise no-thing as an ornament which has not some immeor remote significance. We can understand the propriety of the grape-cluster or the vine leaf; but, unless we are expected to make libations to the host of heaven and revive the Chaldean idolatry, we are utterly unable to discover a reason for carving decanters with suns, moons, and stars. Our attention has been called to a process by which emblematic engravings may be transferred to glass in indestructible colours, but the specimens we have as yet seen are not sufficiently perfect to warrant a decisive opinion on the succ ss and ultimate effects of such deco-

Wine-glasses have always appeared to us ob jects for the display of much artistic skill and enuity. They have a model in Nature, the wers of the field holding in their cups the dew of heaven, but to these models we rarely find their makers pay the least attention. glass, as it is called, was undoubtedly borrowed from the flower whose name it bears, but the modeller unfortunately took it into his head to improve nature, and has wandered wide from his pattern. In the best specimen of these glasses which we have seen the whole effect is marred by omitting the tulip-stem. A crocus is a beau-tiful model for the short-stemmed glasses of modern days, and we wonder that it has so long escaped notice, or rather we do not wonder because hitherto one of the last things thought of by our manufacturers was to seek an archetype in Nature.

little butter-cup of our fields has recently lent its form to some wine-glasses to be seen in our shops, and these with singular inappropriateness have been used as champagne glasses; they are proper only for wines of rich bouquet, flowers of that shape being sweetest in On this subject we would dilate at greater length, but as, according to the poet,

" Laudibus arguitur vini vinosus Homerus."

so we, from pursuing too far the relations of flowers, glasses, and fluids, might be suspected of deeper speculation in wine than we care to indulge. Before, however, we take leave of the subject, for fore, nowever, we take reave of the subject, for the present, we cannot avoid expressing some re-gret for the disappearance of the long-stemmed Dutch glasses so often represented in the pictures of Teniers. Nature has given us in the tribe of flowers beautiful models of stem as well as cup. It must however be remembered that in Nature's perfect harmony of proportions each flower has its own appropriate stem, and the modeller must therefore take care not to combine the stem of one plant with the cup of another. The elements of beauty are around us if we will only condescend to make use of them, and we trust to show that in this, and in all the manufacturing processes which will come under our notice, that "beauty is as cheap as ugliness." NOTES ON BRITISH COSTUME.

PART THE SIXTH.

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THE STUARTS.

THE dignitaries of the Church, as well as its other members, had come to a definite arrangement in their costume as a Protestant clergy before the commencement of the present period, while Elizabeth still sat upon the thron there remains little to say on this head during the entire reign of the Stuarts, because, once fixed, it became little liable to the changes capricious fashion occasioned in secular habits; and we find the same dresses in the reign of Charles II. displayed by the clergy as were worn at the accession of James I., the exceptions to so general a remark being merely the shape of a cap or band, which varied a little in course of years. The Puritans-on the downfall of Monarchy and the Established Church, under the sanction of

"The quacks of government, who sate
At th' unregarded helm of state,"—

disregarded everything peculiar to clerical costume; and their preachers appeared in plain doublets and cloaks with small Geneva bands, and were as loud in their denunciation of any fashion for the clergy as the witty Bishop Corbet has made his "Distracted Puritan," who exclaims :—

"Boldly I preach, hate a cross, hate a surplice, Mitres, copes, and rochets, "

which were looked upon as "marks of the beast" to be especially avoided. Their beards were trimmed as close as their hair; the divines of the Church of England had previously worn theirs large and trimmed square. Granger, in his large and trimmed square. Granger, in his "Biographical Dictionary," has recorded the saying of the Rev. John More of Norwich, one saying of the Nev. John More of Norwich, one of the worthiest clergymen of the reign of Elizabeth, who wore the longest and largest beard of any Englishman of his time,—that he always allowed his beard to be thus long " that no act of his life might be unworthy of the gravity of his appearance;" which Granger de-clares to be "the best reason that could be given," adding, "I wish as good a reason could always have been assigned for wearing the longest hair, and the longest or largest wig.



It must not, however, be understood that the fashion of the day was quite unattended to by the religious community, for many divines be-came reconciled to long hair and lace-collars, al-though of the Puritanic party. The two figures engraved above are copied from "A Pious and engraved above are copied from "A Pious and Reasonable Perswasive to the Sonnes of Zion," printed in the year 1646: the figure to the left being described as "a godly Dissenting brother," while the one to the right is "a godly brother of the Presbyterian way;" the aim of the author

* Continued from page 282.

being to convince them by the arguments brought forward in his pamphlet to meet and shake hands in as friendly a manner as he has here picnands in as friendly a manner as he has here pictured them. These figures are valuable for the idea they give of the generally approved costume of the day, which seems to hit "propriety" exceedingly well, having just enough straightness and primness to satisfy the Puritan, with a little piquante touch of the fashion to gild the pill with those who wished not to look too singular and unlike the rest of the world. The Dissenter's costume is in no degree different from the plain costume is in no degree different from the plain ordinary dress of a gentleman of Chares I.'s reign.
The Presbyterian is dressed in boots that are in the extreme of fashionable inconvenience, and his breeches are ornamented with rows of points that would not disgrace an exquisite; his dark cloak, tight vest, and narrow cuffs, however, endeavour to compensate for this; while the nar-row plain band that surrounds his neck is what no "saint" of the day could object to, and the close black skullcap of velvet would satisfy the "triers" mentioned in Hudibras, who, judging by

"Black caps, underlaid with white, Give certain guess at inward light."

A writer in the "Universal Magazine" for 1779, speaking of the dislike the more rigid Puritans had to long hair, which "was frequently declaimed against from the pulpit, and in the days of Cromwell was considered as a subject of disgrace," "the gloomy emigrants who fled from England and other parts about that period to seek in the wilds of America a retreat where they might worship God according to their consciences. among other whimsical tenets, carried to their new settlements an antipathy against long hair; and when they became strong enough to publish a code of laws, we find the following curious article as a part of it :- " It is a circumstance universally acknowledged, that the custom of wear-lng long hair, after the manner of immoral perand of the savage Indians, can only have been introduced into England but in sacriligious contempt of the express command of God, who declares that it is a shameful practice for any man who has the least care for his soul to wear long hair: as this abomination excites the indignation of all pious persons, we, the magistrates, in our zeal for the purity of the faith, do expressly and authentically declare, that we condemn the im-pious custom of letting the hair grow, a custom which we look upon to be very indecent and dishonest, which horribly disguises men, and is offensive to modest and sober persons, inasmuch as it corrupts good manners; we, therefore, being justly incensed against this scandalous custom, do desire and against the scandalous custom, do desire, advise, and earnestly request all the elders of our continent zealously to show their aversion to this odious practice, to exert all their power to put a stop to it, and especially to take care that the members of their churches be not infected with it; in order that those persons who, notwithstanding these rigorous prohibitions and the means of correction that shall be used on this account, shall still persist in this custom, shall have both God and man at the same time against

At a later period of Cromwell's time we find that long hair gradually began to appear again even among the clergy, one or two of the most eminent wore it so constantly, in spite of the doubts and dislikings of those enthusiasts who gave vent to suspicions of the soundness of the pinions of those who indulged the growth of it. I have noticed in page 281 the fashionable exterior of John Owen, Dean of Christ Church in 1652, when Puritanism was at its height; and a correspondent has pointed out to me the fact that "during Cromwell's reign most of the divines were reconciled to hair (as they were immediately portraits, the profile for instance, wears it as long as it would grow, though he had lost it from the brow. So does Ludlow, the chief of the Independents." after to wigs); Cromwell himself, in his latest

The costume of a bishop about the middle of

the reign of Charles II. is here given from a print of that time. The cap he wears is something



similar to that worn by Cranmer (as engraved p. 255), and it will help us to understand how the present caps worn at our universities originated. It will be perceived, by comparing these two cuts, that the cap worn by the bishop here is squarer and flatter than that worn by Cranmer: it hangs over the forehead in a broader fashion, while that part which surrounds the back of the head fits still more closely; the laxity of the upper portion and its increased width would naturally suggest the insertion of something to stiffen and hold it out, so as to prevent its falling too low upon the face; and hence came the square top of the academic cap, which now appears to be a useless addition, the under portion or skullcap to which it is affixed enclosing the head as tightly as the Puritanic velvet one.

The figure before the bishop gives us the ordinary dress of a clergyman from a print dated 1680. It requires little explanation: the broadrimmed hat, with its low crown, was then not a mark of humility, as it might now be considered, but was the fashionable hat, as worn by the gentry, although the clergy and the Quakers have generally affected "broad-brims" as having less vanity in their expansiveness. His flowing peruke is also in the first fashion, for, indeed, the clergy of Charles II.'s time were not remarkable for a dislike to secular dandyisms; for Wood has related an anecdote of one, which, while it shows the foppery of the clergyman, shows a greater degree of right thinking in Charles II. on this subject than one would be inclined to expect from a King who placed four-and-twenty fiddlers in the Chapel Royal to perform the church service instead of the organist.* He says that "Nathaniel Vincent, D.D., chaplain in ordinary to the King, preached before him at Newmarket, in a long perriwig, and Holland sleeves, according to the then fashion for gentlemen; and that his Majesty was so offended at it, that he commanded the Duke of Monmouth, chancellor of the University of Cambridge, to see the statutes concerning decency of apparel put in exertion, which was done accordingly."

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The remainder of the dress worn by the clergyman of our cut, it will be perceived, varies but little from that now worn; the narrow band has, in its progress toward the days of our own century, degenerated into "two little bibs" beneath the chin. The gown worn is the academic gown: the sleeves are not full to the wrist, but tighten midway from that and the elbow; white cuffs surround the hands, and a long cassock beneath the gown is fastened round the waist; the whole dress is of black, and gives the "true effigy" of a clergyman of those days, when it was usual for the Church to distinguish its members by a costume

not confined within its walls only, and only worn while officiating in its service, but in which it was usual for them constantly to appear. Col. Blood, when he made an attempt at stealing the crown from the Tower, wore the dress of a clergyman; and when he visited the keepers of the crown jewels, always left them "with a canonical benediction:" and this he did as well to disarm suspicion of his purpose as to be enabled to conceal his precious prize in the folds of his gown as he passed the warders at the gates.

"The gentlemen of the long robe," as lawyers are sometimes called, had become pretty well fixed in their costume at the end of the Stuart dynasty. They had, however, not reached that quiet solemnity of dress for which they are conspicuous without some stringent rules, which had been applied as curbs to their fashionable propensities for some long time. Thus we are told:
—"In the 32nd of Henry VIII. an order was made in the Inner Temple, that the gentlemen of that company should reform themselves in their cut or disguised apparel, and not wear long beards; and that the treasurer of that court should confer with the other treasurers of court for an uniform reformation, and to know the justices' opinion therein. In Lincoln's Inn, by an order made in the 23rd of Henry VIII., none were to wear cut or pansied hose or breeches, or pansied doublet, on pain of expulsion; and all persons were to be put out of commons during the time they wore beards.

"The grievance of long beards was not yet removed. An order was made in the Middle Temple, that no fellow of that house should wear his beard above three weeks' growth, upon pain of

"In the Middle Temple, an order was made in the 4th and 5th of Philip and Mary, that none of that society should wear great breeches in their hose, after the Dutch, Spanish, or Almain (German) fashion, or lawn upon their caps, or cut doublets, on pain of forfeiting 3s. 4d., and for the second offence the offender to be expelled.

"In the 3rd and 4th of the same reign the following orders were agreed upon to be observed in all the four inns of court, viz.:—That none of the companions, except knights or benchers, should wear in their doublets or hose any light colours, except scarlet and crimson, nor wear any upper velvet cap, or any scarf, or wings in their gowns, white jerkins, buskins, or velvet shoes, double cuffs on their shirts, feathers or ribbons on their caps, on pain of forfeiting 3s. 4d., and for the second offence, of expulsion; nor should wear their study gowns in the city any farther than Fleet-bridge or Holborn-bridge, nor might they wear them as far as the Savoy, upon like pains as those afore-mentioned."



The figures of lawyers here engraved are selected from Hollar's engraving of the coronation procession of King Charles II. in 1660. The seated figure is one of the justices of the King's Bench (the barons of the Exchequer are

similarly habited): the close coif and flat cap look much like that worn by dignitaries of the Church; but the modest flow of hair beneath shrinks into insignificance before the more modern wig, which reached the bar and pulpt during this reign, and has never been relinquished by either: the law dignitaries still preserving it in the fullest and gravest amplitude. The collar, a plain square piece of lawn, is, with the points above spoken of, the only great difference to be detected in the costume of this figure and that worn at the present time. His companion also wears a gown which is still the official dress of many public officers. He is "the King's solicitor," in the original engraving of the procession from which it has been extracted. He wears the ordinary broad-brimmed hat and plain collar of the day; his long gown, richly ornamented with gold lace and buttons, preserves an ancient feature of dress—the useless hanging sleeve—which may now be seen on official costume as well as upon that of the universities. His gloves are richly fringed round their tops, and the entire dress has rather a comfortable and costly look, without sacrificing its convenience in the amplitude of trailing gowns and heavy fur trimmings.



"The gentlemen of the faculty" may also claim a little of our attention, for towards the end of the period of which we are now speaking they were not distinguished by any great peculiarity of costume, the graver cut and colour of their dresses being, with their gold-headed canes, their chief mark of distinction. It will be seen, however, by a glance at the cut, that they adopted a very grave costume previous to the Restoration. The originals from which our cut is copled occur upon the title-page of a rare satirical pamplet of 1641, bearing the title of "A Dreame, or Newes from Hell, with a relation of the great God Pluto suddenly falling sick by reason of this present Parliament;" in which the "old gentleman" is depicted ill in bed, with a wrought nightcap upon his head, and a fire beneath his bed, attended by three learned physicians, two of whom we have the honour of introducing here as good examples of their profession. One wears a close cap; the other, a puritanical-looking hat: the latter gentleman dressed, or rather enveloped, in a loose gown, gathered round the neck, and thence flowing to the feet as unconfined as a poet's fancy. His collar and cuffs are scrupulously plain; his beard and mustachios are trimmed in the fashion immortalized by Charles decorated, though the upturned mustachios give him rather a military expression, as if the amputation of a limb would in no wise concern him. His ruff is closely pleated, and so are his ruffles; his wide open gown displays the doublet and long dress beneath; and, altogether, he looks a fit precursor to the undertaker. A dress nearly as grave, and very similar, was worn by merchants and citizens at this time.

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It will be scarcely fair to dismiss these citizens without a few words on a class known as " the liverymen," who wore, and still wear, a distin-

^{*} Herbert's " History of the Inns of Court."

^{*} This originated Tom D'Urfey's song of " Four-andtwenty Fidliers all of a Row."

guishing dress. The two figures here engraved are copied from a charter of the Leather-sellers



Company, in the time of James I. They wear the City flat cap," small ruffs, and long gowns trimmed with fur, having hanging sleeves; and any one conversant with the livery gown still worn will see that it has altered little or nothing in its progress toward our own time. The most curious point in the costume above depicted is the party-coloured hood which is thrown over the right shoulder, and is fastened across the breast : it is the last relic of the ancient hood, with its pendent "tippet," that came into fashion about the time of Henry VI. They are still worn by the knights of the Garter, and are also used in the investiture and swearing-in of the members of some civic companies.† The round-let or cap was to cover the head; the skirts appended to it to fall behind, and keep the neck warm; while the tippet was wound about the neck to secure the cap when thrown off: but this, of course, was its original intention; it had ceased to be used, and to be made large enough to be useful, long before the time of which we now speak.

The livery of London were anciently distinguished by a peculiarity of costume, and its co-lour denoted the company to which the wearer belonged. No mention of these "liveries" occurs, however, before the time of Edward I. When that king rode in procession through London in 1929, after his marriage at Canterbury, six hundred of the citizens of London rode with the rest in one livery of red and white, with the cogninees of their mysteries (or trades) embroidered on their sleeves. The members of Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrims, who were tradesmen of London, he describes as

Of a solemne and greate fraternity.

Thus the Grocers' Company, in 1414, were distinguished by a livery of scarlet and green, which was fourteen years afterwards changed to searlet and black. The Leather-sellers above engraved wear gowns of black cloth trimmed with fur, the hood being red and black or party-coloured, as before mentioned, the cap of dark cloth.

It was usual with the members of each company to provide themselves once a year with a suit of "livery," which was purchased by the wardens, who had a deposit of one penny when it was ordered, forty pence more when it was bought, and the balance when it was deli-It was usual for the Lord Mayor to have a distinct livery of his own colours, and any member of the company wishing for the same for his own wear, might obtain it by sending the mayor a sum of money in a purse (which

must at the least be twenty shillings), with his name, as "a benevolence" or part payment, for which the mayor delivered to him four yards of cloth for a gown "of his own livery," which, previous to 1516, was generally "rayed" or

The military costume of the Stuart period is chiefly remarkable for the gradual abandonment of heavy plate-armour; as if the really inge-nious remark of James I. had been felt universally—that monarch's opinion being that it was a most excellent invention, as it hindered the wearer from being hurt himself, while its cumbrous character prevented him from hurting others. It became usual to wear only the back and breast plates, with overlapping tuilles de-pendent from it to protect the thighs, and hel-mets for the head. The arms were sometimes encased in armour, and occasionally entire ar-mour was worn; but the Carabineers' bullets were now so formidable, owing to improvements in firearms, that armour was no longer a safeguard.

During the reign of King Charles I., it was not uncommon for soldiers to appear in the field in a strong buffcoat, whose thickness pre-vented the cut of a sword, over which a cuirass and gorget was worn, a helmet for the head, and stout leather boots, formed their equipment.



The full-length portrait here given is copied from W. D. Fellowes' "Historical Sketches of Charles I., Cromwell, Charles II., and the prin-cipal Personages of that Period." It represents Ferdinand Lord Fairfax, the father of the more celebrated Parliamentary general, who also himself served in the same cause, and was appointed general for the county of York. The only articles of armour he wears appear to be the cui-rass and gauntlets. His buffcoat and sleeves are ornamented apparently by embroidery, with the addition of rows of small puffs surrounding the sleeve. His breeches appear to be of the same materials, from their rigidity; while large boots, with wide lace tops, encase his legs and feet: the tops are turned down and ornamented with lace. He bears the truncheon of a com-mander, and a very long but narrow sword by his side, hanging to a belt passing across his

The pride of the ancient English army, "the bowmen," had ceased to be its strong hope by this time. These men, according to Sir S. R. Meyrick, "were taught to shoot at butts" or target, and the length of the bow depended on the height of the archer. In the true proportion of the human figure it is found that the distance

* Butts were mounds of earth, with a mark in the centre, set up in the fields for practitioners. Newington-butts, a parish in Southwark, takes its name from the butts there erected.

from the top of the middle finger of one hand to that of the other, when at the utmost extension, equals that from the crown of the head to the soles of the feet. Now, if such be the length of the bowstring, and the shaft half that size (the regular standard), a man of six feet high would use a cloth-yard arrow.*

"It is well known that the long-bow had been so skilfully used by the English archers as to obtain for them the character of pre-eminence; and, as the practice of shooting was enjoined as a pastime, they acquired such unerring certainty and rapidity of shot, as to hold firearms in the utmost contempt."+

Toward the end of Elizabeth's reign they had lost their importance, and firearms received much attention. Strutt, in his "Sports and Pastimes of the People of England," says, "In the beginning of the seventeenth century the word artillery was used in a much more extensive sense, and comprehended long-bows, cross-bows, slur-bows, and stone-bows; also scorpions, rams, and catapults, which the writer (he quotes) tells us were formerly used. He then names the firearms as follows :- Cannons, basilisks, culverins, jakers, faulcons, minions, fowlers, chambers, harquebusses, calivers, petronils, pistols, and dags. 'This,' says he, 'is the artillerie which is now in the most estimation, and they are divided into great ordinance, and into shot or guns;' which proves that the use of firearms had then

Infantry, in the time of James I., principally consisted of pikemen and musketeers. "In the time of Charles I. great reliance was placed on the pikeman, whose formidable weapon was 18 feet in length; for Ward, in his 'Animadversions of Warre, says, so long as the pikes stand firme, although the shot should be routed, yet it cannot be said the field is won, for the whole strength of an army consists in the pikes. His armour was termed a corselet. An indispensible appoint-ment of a pikeman was a straight sword to defend himself from cavalry when he had planted his pike opposite a horse's breast; and the want of this essential weapon is pointed out in a satirical poem, called 'Peter's Banquet,' written in 1645—

in a great measure superseded the practice of

Some thirty corselets in the rear, That had no rapier, but a spear.''?



The figures of a pikeman and musketeer, here engraved, are copied from a print dated 1645. The first agrees well with the foregoing description. The musketeer carries his heavy musket on his shoulder, holding in the same hand his musket-rest; for the weapon, in its original form, was too cumbrous to hold without such assistance: so each soldier carried one which had a

^{*} In one of the old ballads of Robin Hood we are told of that famous outlaw—

[&]quot;Then Robin took his bow in hand,
Made of a trusty tree,
An arrow of a cloth yard long
Unite the head drew he."
And thus the ballad maker and graver historian agree.
† Illustrations of Ancient Arms and Armour.

^{*} Specimens have been engraved and a description of it given in part iv., page 81.
† I can speak with certainty of one—the Barber Surgeons—once a rich and important body, as I saw in their hall the hood there used but a few months since, which is still put on the new member in the way shown in the cut above, and as the knights of the Garter still wear it.

sharp point at bottom, that it might be stuck in the ground when the piece was to be let off.

The cavalry at this time consisted of four corps.

1. Lancers, who were armed rather carefully in a 1. Lancers, who were armed rather carefully in a steel cap, gorget, breast and back plates, with pauldrons, rere, and vambraces, and gauntlets. His weapons being a lance, sword, and pistols. 2. Cuirassiers, so termed from the cuirass is over the buffcoat, whose weapons were sword and pistols. 3. Harquebussiers, similarly habited and armed, but having the addition of a harquebus. 4. Dragoons, who wore buffcoats with deep skirts, and open helmets, having sometimes overlapping plates to protect the cheeks. times overlapping plates to protect the cheeks. The cut here given of a dragoon is copied from a print bearing date 1645. Sir Samuel Meyrick has



given their history thus :—" Dragoons, according to Père Daniel, were first raised in the year 1600 by the Mareschal de Brisac. In the time of Charles I. they were clad as above described. In 1632 they had in England short muskets, which were hung at their backs by a strap reaching nearly their whole length; in 1645 they had a much shorter piece, called a dragon, as in other countries, hooked on a swivel to a belt over the left shoulder, and under the right arm; and in 1649 a caliver. Besides these offensive arms was a sword attached to a waistbelt, from which also were suspended the powder-flask, touchbox, bul-let bag, &c."



In the group of arms here engraved, fig. 1 is a dragon of the early part of James I.'s reign. Fig. 2 a wheel-lock caliver of the same date: the wheel-lock was a contrivance for obtaining sparks by the sudden revolving of the wheel (acted on by the studen revolving of the wheel (acted on by the trigger) against a piece of pyrites (native sulphuret of iron) fixed in the cock, and brought down against it. During the time of Charles I., however, the flint-lock or fire-lock was introduced from Spain, where it was invented. Fig. 3 is the wheel-lock petronel of the same period, so called

because it was fired from the chest (poitrine). Fig. 4 shows the clumsy-looking "pocket wheel-lock dag" of the days of Elizabeth, Fig. 5 the long wheel-lock pistol. It will not be necessary to do more than notice during the reign of Charless II. the fusil, a lighter fire-lock than the musket from which our fusiliers obtained the musket from which our fusiliers obtained their name, and the introduction of the bayonet, which obtained its name from the place of its invention, Bayonne, from whence it rapidly spread all over Europe. It was originally a dagger with a wooden hilt that could be pushed or screwed into the mouth of a gun, as shown in fig. 6; consequently the gun was useless as a greater while the havener was thus insected and fig. 6; consequently the gun was useless as a firearm while the bayonet was thus inserted, and it was not until our English soldiers serving under William III. in Flanders felt the heavy fire of the opposing French from bayonetted guns, while their own were powerless and stopped up by these weapons they had screwed into their muzzles for a charge, that they learned how to combine the full efficacy of both weapons at



By turning to part v. of these notes, p. 257, the costume of the Yeomen of the Guard to Henry VIII. may be seen; as a contrast exhibiting the general changes of the times, one of King Charles II.'s Yeoman of the Guard has been copied II.'s Yeoman of the Guard has been copied above, from Hollar's print of his coronation. The little flat cap has been changed to a high hat and feathers; the jacket is considerably shorter, while his legs are dressed in the fashionable style of the age. He carries a partisan in his right hand, and a sword by his side. It will be persisted that the dresses new worm by Yeomen of ceived that the dresses now worn by Yeomen of the Guard, as they may be seen at the Tower, or at court on state occasions, more nearly ap-

at court on state occasions, more nearly approaches the original costume.

By the end of the present period various regiments of the British army had been formed, whose names are still familiar. Thus the Life Guards were embodied in 1681 by Charles in imitation of the French "Gardes du Corp," originally consisting of gentlemen of family who had been conspicuous for their loyalty in the previous civil wars. The Coldstream were embodied at that town by General Monck in 1660, and thence obtained their name; but as this is not the necessary place for a detail of such memoranda, more fully treated elsewhere in the lately published histories of the British regiments, I must refer the reader to these sources.

[The next part of these notes will carry the inquiry own to the death of George II.]

IMPROVEMENTS IN FRESCO.

DEAR SIR,—By the title of "Improvements in Fresco," put at the head of my last letter, I would not wish it to be supposed that I am propounding any new thing. Novelty is but resuscitation. That steam-carriages ran between Memphis and Thebes, somewhere about three thousand years since, is satisfactorily proved by figures to begin a remote resemblance to proved by figures bearing a remote resemblance to steam pistons and boilers occurring in the hieroglyphic character; and, upon authority even still more con-vincing, I hope to establish that my mode of fresco-painting is precisely similar to that of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

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When a practice such as fresco-painting has descended to us after ages of probation it becomes in some measure a sacred thing, and any time spent by the painter in attempting improvements in the process had far better be devoted to the practice of the art; but if it be advisable that the so-called improvements be received with suspicion, much more so is it that we clearly ascertain that we are now in possession of the exact mode whereby the old works were produced, that none of its details are forgotten, and that none of its advantages are neglected. We must not sit down idly and suppose that, because we are in possession of a difficult, unserviceable, patchwork method, it is therefore the mode whereby the old painters produced their works, unless, indeed, we can show similar results as the produce of our operations; and if we find that by all we can now do we are still far behind those who have gone before us—if the best thing that we can produce is opaque and lifeless, where theirs is living and transparent—if the most beautiful tints of red are unattainable now where once they were used with facility; and if again there were processes of painting then made use of that by the once they were used with facility; and if again there were processes of painting then made use of that by the modern method it is found impossible to adopt, we may safely infer that though our work may possess durability and other recommendations, yet it is not the exact method practised of old. On the contrary, let a process be proposed which strictly adheres to the instructions that have come down to us from antiquity, and moreover whereby all the advantages of the best method are easily attained, equally durable, and more serviceable as a medium of representation than any other now practised, in such a case we shall not greatly err if we practised, in such a case we shall not greatly err if we conclude that it is more likely to be a revival of the long-buried secret than is the process that it proposes

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Now, let us inquire in what true fresco-painting consists. Fresco is a name used by many, the meaning of which is apparently understood by few. Wherein differs it from other kinds of painting? wherein may legitimate alterations and improvements in the process be effected? and where is the boundary beyond which nothing may be attempted?

All other modes of painting, be they enamel, encaustic, oil or water colours, have one common characteristic; they may all, in fact, be termed impasto-painting, the pigments being always applied in mixture with some vehicle or medium, which, on hardening, holds them together by its tenacity. Fresco or mortar painting is, however, a process sui generis; in it no such vehiing is, however, a process an generis; in it no such vehi-cle or medium may be used: introduce but the smallest quantity and it becomes, possibly, a capital mode of painting, but certainly no longer freeco. Why, then, do the colours adhere? Why is it that if we place a mixture painting, but certainly no longer fresco. Why, then, do the colours adhere? Why is it that if we place a mixture of ochre and water on a piece of wood or stone, on dry ing it becomes soft powder; but when applied to freshly-mixed lime and sand we find that, instead of soft dry powder, it has become hard and atonelike? Wise men of the present day will, perhaps, tell us—by crystallization on the surface. Such, however, cannot be the case. When crystallization appears on the surface, it is caused by saline matter in the mortar that ought not to be there. Furthermore, it is yet to be explained in what way either carbonate of lime or oxide of iron acquire the power of forming crystals under such circumstances. This error has arisen by our examining the surface only; or if we have looked further it has been into the nature of the pigments, and where certainly no elucidation of the question is to be found. Let us, however, search deeper; let us look into the mass of mortar beneath, and see what is going on there; examine, and we shall find innumerable particles, small infinitely beyond our vision, living, moving, and operating, without intermission, until their work is accomplished. This work is the solidification of the whole, of which they are a part; the forming it into one cohesive mass; furthermore, unnesting themselves, they have the power of compelling the same action in substances with which they are placed in a certain relation, and generating therein the same cohesion. These innumerable, infinitely small particles are called in chemical language the molecules, and their life, motion, and operation the molecular action. Here, then, is the secret—this is the action—the internal working whereby the colour, dry and powder-like in itself, adheres, and becomes, as it were, one mass with the mortar. This action, however, is not communito all substances that may be applied to the sur-and I believe that it has not yet been told face; and I believe that it has not yet continued that the colours, to partake of the cohesiveness thus generated, must be used in the form of a mechanical mixture only with the water. Let the mixture be more intimate, or, in other words, a solution, and no adhesion takes place. And here to the unanowing (if any such have taken the trouble to read thus far) I would explain the difference. By a mechainus isr) i would explain the difference. By meticles of matter, be they large or small, are merely suspended in the fluid without being dissolved. Sand in a river forms a mechanical mixture; so also does whiting and water; but where it is a solution the case is different; then the parts, as far as our limited sight can pene-trate, appear to have actually dissolved themselves, and trate, appear to have actually dissolved themselves, and entered into the substance of the surrounding liquid. Salt dissolved in water is a solution, and, under certain conditions, so also is mastic varnish. See, then, the mode of operation. The particles, being held merely mechanically by the liquid, are easily acted upon by the attraction generated by the action of the molecules, and are disengaged from the fluid in conjunction with which they are according to the amount attraction that Caugh which they are applied; the same attraction that caused their separation from fluid causes them to adhere to each other, and likewise to the surface of the substance whence they derived this cohesive power. In the other case, if a solution be made use of, the particles, being dissolved, are inaccessible to the action thus generated, and still maintain their relation the water. Thus it would appear, as indeed is the case, that there are some colours that have been supposed to be unfit for the purpose of fresco-painting, but which unfitness has been assumed in consequence of their having been applied in the form of a solution, whereas, had they been precipitated and applied as a mixture, they would have proved excellent and durable pig-ments. This again shows that the theory of crystallization is a fallacy; as if it were correct it would follow that, crystals being produceable by a solution only, the as now prepared for fresco would be totally unfit for the purpose.

This, then, is the true action, which, when preserved and made obedient to the painting, produces true freace; but, if it be neglected or lost, the work ought no longer to be called by the name. Here also is plainly a hown the space wherein we may safely attempt any improvements in the process, and the bounds over

which we may not pass.

Now, within this boundary let us see, not only what m sy be done, but what has actually been accomplished.

The great desideratum would appear to be, simply to delay this molecular action, and by so doing, retard the solidification of the mortar; and I am enabled to say, that, some years since, the consideration of these facts led to the adoption of a mode of mixing the superficial mortar, whereby this desideratum is fully attained; and, that this is rather a revival of the old method than the discovery of a new one, is best proved by the fact that any difference that exists between it, and the mode ally adopted, is to be found rather in a closer serence to the instructions that the old painters have left behind them than to the use of any new, and con-sequently untried, material in the intonaco. Let us abide by their instructions, and we shall no longer find any difficulty in doing as they did; but when they tell us, if we take (what we will term) A, that B will be the us, it we take (what we will term) A, that B will be the result, we, in our presumption, say that when they said A they did not mean A, but that they meant C; and, acting on the supposition, the desired B is never attained. Let us, however, place implicit child-like faith in what they teach us, and we shall find no more difficulties arise than they themselves had to contend with. By this means, if, indeed, the mode recently the overall he identical with he old no way. discovered be identical with the old one, we may ea keep the surface fit to paint upon day after day, until it is finished. We need no longer confine ourselves to the thin dry texture, to be seen in works by modern frescanti, as, in consequence of the work being capable of being retouched at pleasure, we may use the free, well-nourished brush of a Rembrandt. The picture by this method, also, may first be rendered in the pure black and white, and afterwards GLAZED, with what-ever tints our palette may afford. Furthermore, the junction of the mortar may be made so that the manightly patches and seams, so obtrusive in common

fresco, need not in any part of consequence be in the slightest degree visible. These facts perfectly agree with the mode of painting we see in the works of the old Italian school: in them the colours are often rich and transparent, and when they are not so the deficiency existed rather in the practice of the artist than in the capability of his material, since we shall find the same tendency to opaqueness pervade his works in oil-colours. Furthermore, the mode now practised forbids the use of one of the most valuable of colours, no crimson, no purple, no "celestial rosy red" being thereby attainable.

In this respect, however, we labour under another disadvantage, as, contemporaneously with the old painters, there existed certain wise men, gold-makers, great wizards of the north-west; these took gold and the promits made a colony months to the colony made a colony months to the colony made a colony months to the colony months to the colony made a colony months to the colony made a colony months to the therewith made a colour worthy to picture the therewith made a colour worthy to picture the robe of the Messiah, but we, not possessing their skill, are obliged to content ourselves by producing, a true "rosy red," certainly, but one, in most respects, much inferior to theirs. This good gift, however, is rendered useless by the opaque patchwork method now practiced, its snest tints being hidden by the opacity characteristic of the process. In the revived mode this is otherwise, the true reav red being thereby perfectly attainable, and the true rosy red being thereby perfectly attainable, and if not quite to the degree that it once was, the fault is rather in the pigment itself than in the mode of using it.

These, then, are some of the advantages of the meth the details of which will, at no distant time, be more the details of which will, at no distant time, be more fully explained. In the meantime, let it not be supposed that this delay is adopted with any hope that the fives, the tens, and the twenties that the secret has cost may be repaid. As was said by an eloquent writer, "The Temple of the Arts is no place for the worship of Mammon." But there exist in these days certain filchers, were received and stellars who not being able to find mean pickers and stealers, who, not being able to find any good thing themselves, lie in wait to cry halves or rather alls-when anything is found by another. these gentlemen I would say, if you can go and do likewise, tell us so now-if you have any claim to the finding of such a process, now prefer it. "Speak now, or for ever after hold your peace."

Yours, &c .. THOMAS F. HEAPHY.

THE WORKS OF ROBERT BURNS.

The very beautiful print issued with this number of the ART-UNION is one of the illustrations to a new edition of the "Life and Works of Robert Burns," now in course of publication by Messrs. Blackie and Co., publishers, of Glasgow. The first volume is completed, and we recommend it earnestly to our readers as one of the most perfect books that has ever been produced in any language. Of its great subject it is needless to speak: "the books that has ever been produced in any language. Of its great subject it is needless to speak: "the memory of Burns lives in every heart;" and perhaps there is not a living being able to read English who cannot repeat some of his immortal lines. No British writer, we imagine, has been so often in print—edition after edition of his works has appeared, to be absorbed by the mighty mass of humankind; and, as population increases, a demand for his poetry cannot fail to have an increase in proportion. Until now, however, the artist and the typographer have not been called upon to join typographer have not been called upon to join ds in honouring the true Scottish bard; separately, he has given them both ample employment; it was high time they should act together to circulate his poems in a manner worthy of the great-minded and great-hearted "maker." The volume before us is a glorious tribute to his memory—250 pages, dedicated to his honour by the "men of pages, dedicated to his honour by the "men of mark" who followed him—beginning with an essay on his life and character, by Professor Wilson, and terminating with "tributer of the professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor with the professor will be a professor will be a professor will be a professor will be a professo essay on his hie and character, by Professor Wil-son, and terminating with "tributary poems" (in number no few than fifty-two) in homage to his genius, by nearly all the prominent poets of Great Britain who have flourished since the death they deplore. Intervening, we have his "Life" by Currie, with a vast quantity of notes and com-ments by many famous persons are the second Currie, with a vast quantity of notes and comments by many famous persons—among them are Sir Walter Scott, Lord Byron, Lord Jeffrey, Sir Egerton Brydges, William Wordsworth, Professor Wilson, J. G. Lockhart, Thomas Campbell, Thomas Carlile, William Hazlitt, &c. In addition, a great variety of original notes have been appended, while the whole of Mr. Robert Chambers's interesting biographical and topographical details regarding the poet, his contemporaries, and the scenes with which he was connected or which he celebrated, as written for "The Land of Burns," are here for the first time incorporated with the poet's

productions, and form a feature which must remain productions, and form a reature which must remain peculiar to this edition of his works. Following the memoir of Currie, with the additions and an-notations referred to, is a copious appendix, in which will be found much interesting matter re-garding the poet and his family, sketches of his character by several of his personal friends, and estimates of his genius by various distinguished

As far as regards the literary contents of the As far as regards the literary contents of the volume, therefore, we may repeat, that nothing more complete and comprehensive was ever issued from the press: it contains every possible matter appertaining to Burns, and that can interest his world of admirers; while there is no evidence whatever to show that comparatively valueless materials have been used to swell out these 250 closely printed (and clearly printed) pages. There is not a single one of them all that we would part with willingly.

It is, however, with the embellishments of the It is, however, with the embellishments of the volume that we have most to do. The two volumes will contain the large number of 81, consisting of portraits and landscapes. In this, the first volume, there are upwards of forty, the frontispiece being a very excellent engraving, by Ryall, from the best, indeed the only authentic, likeness of the poet—the famous one by Nasmyth.* The landscape illustrations are from the pencil of Mr. D. O. Hill, an admirable artist at all times, but who has entered con amore into this—his most delightful—task. They have been engraved by the best line engravers of the country. Upon this subject, indeed, we cannot do better than quote a passage from "the prospectus," premising that the pledge therein given has been amply redeemed:—

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"The pictorial illustrations will comprise all the landscapes and portraits which adorn the highly-valued work, entitled, 'The Land of Burns.' In embellishment, therefore, this edition of the Scottish poet will far transcend any which has ever been offered to the public. The landscapes embrace all the localities identified with the life and writings of the poet, including views of the 'banks and braes' of the sweetest streams and noblest rivers of the land,—the Doon, the Ayr, the Lugar, the Girvan, the Irvine, the Afton, the Coil, the Feal, the Logan, the Nith, the Cluden, the Devon, the Forth, the Tay, the Spey, the Moness, the Bruar, &c.,—all from the pencil of an artist intimately acquainted with the subjects he has depicted, and alive to all the poetical and classical interest which attaches to them. The portraits present authentic likenesses of parties connected with the poet by personal intimacy, or by association with his muse."

The specimen which accompanies this notice of the beautiful and valuable book—a book, we repeat, which does full justice to the great poet, by perpetuating worthily his immortal verse—is the perpetuating worthily his immortal verse—is the first that occurs on opening its pages. It cannot but go far to recommend a work which contains eighty others of equal beauty and equal excellence.

SOCIETIES IN CONNEXION WITH ART.

LECTURES IN PERRUARY.

ROYAL ACADEMY.—Lectures on Sculpture, by the Professor, Sir Richard Westmacott, R.A., 1st, Monday, Feb. 12; 2nd, Monday, Feb. 19; 3rd, Monday, Feb. 26; Lectures on Painting, by the Professor, H. Howard, R.A., 1st, Thursday, Feb. 15; 2nd, Thursday, Feb. 22; 3rd, Thursday, Feb. 29.

GRAPHIC SOCIETY.—Wednesday, Feb. 14.

SOCIETY OF ARTISTS, CLIPSTONE-STREET.—Mr. Rogers's Lectures on Anatomy.

NEWMAN-STREET, No. 20.—Mr. Wilkin's Lectures on

THE ARTISTS' INSTITUTE.—As several correspondents request to know who are the artists composing the Council of this Society, we think it right to print the list:—Messrs. Aglio, Park, Wehnert, Woolmer, Cattermole, Buss, Jenkins, Warren, Hurlstone, G. R. Ward, Franklin, Clint, sen., Clint, jun., Hassell, Scott, Templeton, Sir W. Newton, Pyne, Rippingille, Hammerton, B. Wyon; Fahey, Secretary.

We lament to find that, in our report of the distribution of medals by the Royal Academy, we omitted the name of Mr. Augustus Henry Fox, "the recipient of a medal in the antique."

* This has been hitherto considered the only portrait for which Burns actually sat. Major Burns, the young-est son of the poet, informed us, however, a few days ago, that he had recently seen a likeness, now in the possession of a distinguished architect, which was painted by an obscure artist in Edinburgh, and which he considered to bear a very striking resemblance to his father.

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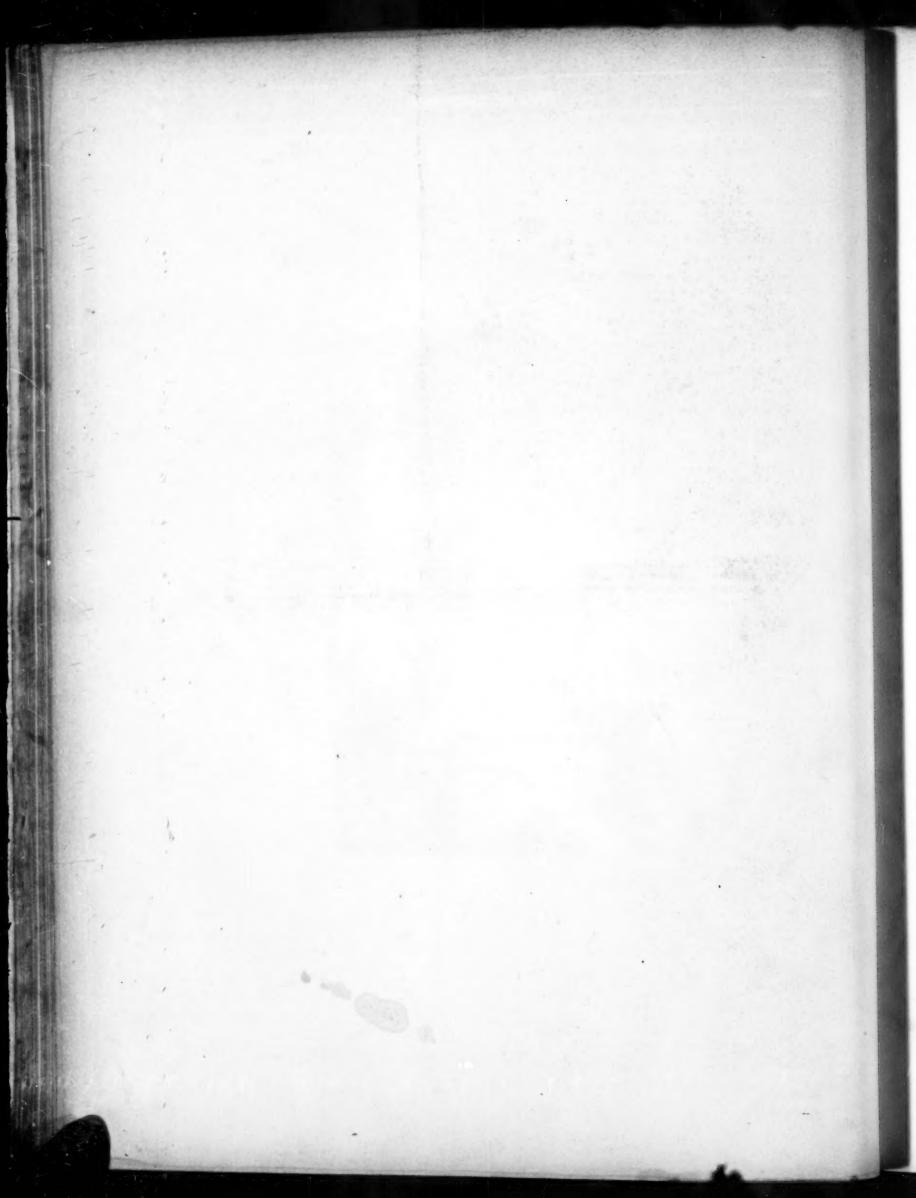
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THE QUEEN'S SUMMER HOUSE, BUCKINGHAM GARDENS.



Our readers are aware that, not long ago, Prince Albert commissioned eight of the leading British artists to execute for him eight frescoes—as adornments to a small summer-house recently built in the garden attached to Bucking-

Although the experiment cannot be described as altogether satisfactory, due regard must be had to the disadvantages under which it has been made. Before we commence our description of the work, it

mere "wordy speculation"; but has at all events afforded to the artists of the country—though adopted, yet emphatically his own—opportunities of exercising their "'prentice han'" in the, to them, "New Art."

First let us describe the building which contains the frescoes. It is a small octagonal structure, which crowns the aummit of an artificial hill, built without any design to be thus richly decorated; and, therefore, not calculated for the proper display of the treasures it contains. The light is obtained from a latticed door and four small latticed windows, and does not fall happily on the pictures. The style of architecture is in accordance with the architect's whim; at least it belongs to no order; this may be no very serious objection, considering that it was intended to be little more than a garden seat; but it is an evil, now that it is likely to become an object of universal interest and attraction. The one room of which it consists (we take no account of two small apartments behind, and the aviary, which forms an underground floor, falling with the hill) is, as we have said, octagonal—but an irregular octagon; two of the eight sides being much larger than the other six. From these eight sides run up to a point in the roof, sixteen compartments; each of these compartments being occupied with a design in arabesque by Mr. Aglio, which that gentleman has executed in encaustic. It would be the height of injustice to him if we did not at once admit the great merit of his designs and the manner in which they have been painted; but they do inconceivable mischief to the frescoes above which (and as if running from them) they are placed. The encaustic colours are very brilliant; the frescoes are, on the contrary, somewhat dull; so that the glaring hues of Mr. Aglio go far to kill the tones of Mr. Lealie and Mr. Maclise, while Mr. Aglio himself sustains much injury by their neighbourhood; for in his designs he has introduced several figures, semi-human,—and has been placed at a manifest disadvantage in being se

fresco and in the same materials. These probably will not be above six inches by eight. It is understood—and there can be no impropriety in stating the fact—that the artists undertook the work without regard to pecuniary advantage; being—as they ought to have been—desirous of seconding the views of the Prince in this experiment; and that her Majesty and his Royal Highness have both manifested a strong personal interest in the result, and made almost a daily inspection of the work while in progress.

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No. 1, then, is the fresco of Mr. Stanfield.

It is of the larger size, and placed above the door. The excellent and accomplished artist selected, as the point to illustrate, that passage from the prologue in which the attendant spirit, habited as Thyrsis,* watches the revels of Comus and his crew. The full moon is shining most brilliantly upon a fall of water rushing and foaming over huge stones, overhung with wild shrubs; a graceful tree rises from the centre of the picture; at the foot of it stands the shepherd with his dog, listening to the distant howls—

"Midnight shout and revelve."

" Midnight shout and revelry, Tipsy dance and jollity,"

and marking the onward progress of a hideous crowd (seen by an unnatural light), whose "human countenances" had been changed

"Into some brutish form of wolf or bear, Or ounce, or tiger, hog, or bearded goat."

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The work of Mr. Stanfield is very beautiful. The "new material" seems to have been perfectly familiar to him; there has been evidently no constraint, no timidity, no apprehension of danger; the difficulty has been fearlessly encountered and entirely overcome. The picture is to the full as excellent as if it had been painted on canvas.

No. 2 is the production of Mr. Uwins. Less free in execution, more cautious, and—it is scarcely too much to say, embarrassed—it is still a very admirable work. "The lady is described" as passing among the perils of the enchanted wood, the foul enchanter hiding behind a tree; deformed monsters are lurking about; while she

By a strong-sided champion, conscience,"
sings to call her brothers to her aid. The figure of the lady seems too thick and heavy, and that of Comus too tall. The fine feeling of the excellent artist is, however, apparent in the expression conveyed into the countenance of the lady—that "something holy" which the painter has caught from the poet and nature.

No. 3 is by Mr. LESLIE. It pictures the offering of the cup. The lady is seated, while the enchanter addresses her:—

"If I but wave this many constraints and the constraints are seated."

"If I but wave this wand, Your perves are all bound up in alabaster, And you a statue."

And you a statue."

The "blithe son" of Bacchus and Circe is a capital reading of the character; and the skill of the artist is exhibited in the attendants—nymphs, a Puck, and satyrs—hardly concealed from the lady's sight, but peering from behind the pillars of the splendid chamber. The lady is a most exquisite creation; her wrath, as she exclaims—

" Hence with thy brew'd enchantments, foul deceiver."

"Hence with thy brew'd enchantments, foul deceiver." is forcibly and most happily given. The execution of the work lacks the freedom we look for at a master-hand. There is, however, no poverty in the colouring, and the drawing is unobjectionable. Still there is, to our mind, evidence of constraint—such as we do not find in the oil-paintings of the artist. It is nevertheless by no means so apparent as to induce a fear that a difficulty exists which may not be overcome.

No. 4 is by Sir William Ross. He has chosen the moment when the brothers rush in, "with swords drawn," break the magic glass, and expel the enchanter and his crew. The attendant spirit enters; but the lady sits—

"In stony fetters, fix'd and motionless."

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It is a fine picture, very skilfully grouped, and executed with remarkable freedom. The face of the lady is truly a "Gem" of Art.

No. 5 is the compartment above the fireplace, left for Mr. EASTLAKE.

No. 6 is by Mr. MACLISE. We cannot over-

* Mr. Stanfield has been somewhat premature in giving to the attendant spirit the shepherd's garb, which he does not assume until long afterwards.

rate this most noble and beautiful work—a perfect triumph both in conception and execution; objectionable only on the ground that it is too full; that every part of it seems to have been studied with equal care; that there is no one immediately striking point to date from—as it were; the artist, having been over anxious, has, it may be, done too much. The painter has selected the moment when Sabrina, having been evoked by the attendant spirit, disenchants the lady. The brothers watch with intense anxiety as Sabrina, attended by her water nymphs, sprinkles on the lady's breast

" Drops that from my fountain pure, I have kept of precious cure."

The attendant spirit standing on the right of the picture, anticipating the event in calm confidence, strikingly contrasts with the earnest expression of the brothers on the left. The surrounding figures are exquisitely grouped and arranged, and are the creations of a delicate and fertile imagination. But the glory of the picture is the Lady in the Enchanted Chair. The chair itself is a singularly novel invention—subordinate, but exhibiting rich fancy; the figure placed in it is wonderfully fine: one of the noblest productions of modern Art. All the accessories are good, well made out, and skilfully combined—a rich vein of poetry runs through the picture from such minor details as the broken glass in the foreground up to the great triumph—the Lady in the Chair. Mr. Maclise seems to have been little, if at all, embarrassed by the new material with which he worked. There is nearly as much freedom and case in this fresco as in his oil-paintings.

No. 7 is the compartment left for Mr. LAND-

No. 8 is the work of Mr. ETTY. It pictures " My mother Circe, with the Syrens three, Amidst the flowery-kirtled Naisdea;"

but is, in all respects, unsuccessful;—thin and meagre in colouring, inconceivably bad in drawing, and miserably poor in conception. How so entire a mistake has been made we are at a loss entire a mistake has been made we are at a loss to imagine: but assuredly it may serve to carry conviction, that to paint in fresco can be by no means an easy task, when the attempt to work in it has been so signal a failere on the part of an artist anything but deficient in ability, knowledge, and experience, and who cannot but be perfectly conversant with all the frescoes of the best old masters.

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We cannot at present devote greater space to this very interesting subject; it is probable we shall recur to it when the work is completed—the eight frescoes all finished, and the several "accessories" in their respective places. It is, just now, very difficult for any observer to form an accurate idea as to the effect of the whole, for, as we have intimated, the only portions that can be said to be comonly portions that can be said to be com-pleted are the arabesque decorations of Mr. Aglio; and of these, only such as run from the frescoes up the ceiling, but not to the point of it, for, between these arabesques and the point, occurs a space of intense blue, by which the entire work is prejudiced. This, however, we understand, is to be subdued by the introduction of stars; whether this will diminish or increase the evil is, nevertheless, a question.

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We cannot, however, close our remarks without expressing regret that these examples of fresco were not made on a larger scale—as decorations for some more important chamber. Still, it is something to have induced actual experiments from eight of our leading British artists; their "second attempts" will be, of course, infinitely more successful; and again we may be permitted to say, the country has incurred a new debt to his Royal Highness the Prince Albert, who has already done more for the "New Art" than all the noblemen of England put together.

GLYPHOGRAPHY.

LYPHOGRAPHY is the name given by the patentee, Mr. Palmer, of Newgate-street, to a process practised by him for the formation of blocks with designs in relief, to be used with type in the manner of woodcuts. It is now some time since the first announcement of this invention; we have from time to time observed its progress; and it has now arrived at a degree of perfection which calls for some lengthened notice at our hands. Multifarious are the projects that have been submitted of late years for book-illustrations, diagrams. &c. &c.; but all in some great essential have been proved defective. This notice of the invention is accompanied by some specimens selected from a series: the initial letter shows its perfect aptitude for designs of this nature, and the two dogs

tive. This notice of the invention is accompanied by some specimens selected from a series: the initial letter shows its perfect aptitude for designs of this nature, and the two dogs exhibit its capabilities in another style. The cut, we perceive, is after a picture that was hung at one of the exhibitions last season or the season before. Now, in a few words, this process consists of drawing with a point upon a copper plate overlaid with a non-conducting substance, which, being cut through, the copper so exposed will receive deposit by means of the electrotype; the result is a corresponding surface in relief, which, being mounted, can be worked with type. This presents every advantage to artists who would convey into cuts and designs their own peculiar touch and feeling. But there is yet about metal, no matter of what kind, a degree of hardness which has a decided disadvantage in comparison with wood. It is in the middle tones and shadows that the work comes off in a manner so positive. If, however, the artist be sufficiently careful, he may, by keeping his outlines clear and continuous, imitate wood-engraving so closely that it would be impossible to establish a general difference. The second cut is a sketch by Leitch, whose good taste has left it in precisely the state in which it should be. The manner of this sketch resembles etching, which, in fact, will be the general character which this invention will assume. In this drawing the etching manner is most apparent in the tree, and in the short and broken lines of the shedows. The third wit 'The Vidette is the precisely the state in the short and broken lines of the shedows. The third wit 'The Vidette is the shedows.

in fact, will be the general character which this invention will assume. In this drawing the etching manner is most apparent in the tree, and in the short and broken lines of the shadows. The third cut, 'The Vidette,' is really a beautiful little drawing, resembling in the ground an etching, but in the horse and man partaking much of the feeling of a good wood-engraving. In these cuts sufficient will be seen of the capabilities of the invention: they are here printed precisely as they were left by the artist, who thus, as it were, becomes the engraver of his own work, which to those unacquainted with the electrostraws be availabled.

by the artist, who thus, as it were, becomes the engraver of his own work, which to those unacquainted with the electrotype may be explained by stating that, as the drawing appears on the white surface laid over the copper, so it appears on paper, without even the trouble of reversing—an irksome matter to all who are unskilled in engraving. To an artist, undoubtedly, the most valuable recommendation of the invention is the perfect freedom afforded him of leaving his designs according to his own taste. In order that the invention may be understood as well by persons ignorant of electro-metallurgy as those who are acquainted with it, we here detail the process as briefly yet as comprehensively as we can. A piece of ordinary copper plate, such as may be used for engraving, is stained black on one side; and over this blackened surface is laid a thin coat of an opaque composition resembling white wax; this constitutes the preparation of the plate.

In order to draw properly upon these plates, various points are recommended, by which a portion of the white surface is removed, and so exposing the black underlay as a dark line or otherwise, according to





the touch, forming such a contrast with the surrounding white ground that the artist sees at once the effect produced. We are thus particular in our description, since the process is so simple that it must attract the notice not less of amateurs than of artists. When the drawing is completed it is carefully inspected, to see that the lines are perfectly clear of dust; after which the portions of the white composition remaining on the plate, and representing the lights of the drawing, are raised by the addition of more wax, or what preparation soever may be employed, for the purpose of procuring depth in those parts that are to be removed from the ink-roller. In wood-engraving this is effected by cutting away those intervening portions which are intended to form the lights of the print; but in glyphography the depth of these parts is formed by the remaining portions of the white composition on the plate, corresponding with the thickness of which, must be the indent in the block which is moulded upon the brass plate and its surface of composition, and presents, consequently, a surface in every way the reverse of it, being in relief where the plate is in intaglio, and vice versa. This heightening of the substance representing the lights is effected after the drawing is made, because a coating sufficiently thick for this would necessarily impede the facility of the drawing, and render it impossible for the artist to throw in shadows composed of fine lines. Thus the thinnest possible coating of composition is first laid over the plate, which, after the drawing is made, receives the necessary additions. The plate, preparatory to the next stage, is again carefully inspected, to guard against the intrusion of any loose particles; after



which it is placed in a trough, and submitted to the action of a galvanic battery, by means of which copper is deposited in a manner to correspond with the lines of the drawing, and so continuing to fill up every touch, it gradually spreads itself all over the surface of the composition, until a sufficiently thick plate of copper is obtained, which, on being removed, will be found to be a perfect cast of the drawing which formed the clickée. This copper counterpart would be too slight to be in any wise serviceable in the form in which it is removed from the trough; in order, therefore, to render it sufficiently strong for working, it is soldered to another piece of metal, and finally mounted on a block of wood, to bring it to the height of the printer's type.

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From what we have said with respect to keeping the plate perfectly free from loose particles, it must occur to all that the composition must be clearly cut out by each touch, as every touch will appear on paper exactly as left on the plate. It will, therefore, be necessary to employ such a tool as will best effect this. If the overlaid material came away in very fine particles, which detached themselves at once, and could be blown or swept away, common needles, with points of different degrees of fineness, would answer very well to work with; but as the material is soft and cohesive, a tool of another kind is necessary—that supplied by Mr. Palmer as the best, is a piece of steel wire, secured in a cedar handle about the thickness of a pencil, and bent to a right angle; the point is sharpened like that of a needle, and then an edge is ground on the inside at such an angle as will admit of its being held like a pencil.

It is probable that the invention will come into extensive use, as well among amateurs as those artists who may be desirous of giving forth their productions independently of the agency of another hand. The former might in their inexperience be misled into "finishing up" their sketches, &c., in which case they would have to contend with the worst points of the invention; but in confining themselves to the breadth and effect of outlines, with little "finish," they would avail themselves of its best characteristics.

We have been for some time aware of this invention, but we confess ourselves surprised by ita rapid progress to the perfection it has acquired through the perseverance of the inventor, Mr. Palmer, 103, Newgate-street, who supplies to artists and others every information on the subject.

Our remarks even now are made with caution and reserve—with greater caution and more reserve,

has manifested a degree of perseverance absolutely amazing.

If at the present moment he may not class us among those he has succeeded in persuading that he has at length achieved complete success, our tardy conviction—if it does come—will be ultimately more beneficial to him than if it had arrived sooner. At all events, we promise him and our readers to recur to the subject ere long—and to print other specimens, if specimens much better are produced. That they will be produced we have sanguine hopes; hopes, indeed, which have grown stronger even since we began this article.

JOSEPH'S STATUE OF WILKIE.

THE statue is now placed in the hall of the National Gallery. It is in marble, life-sized, and habited, of course, in modern costume, over which is thrown what we may consider to be a plaid, so disposed as to break the lines of the figure in front and support it behind. This drapery is massed in such a manner upon the left shoulder as to diminish the importance of the head. The figure is upright, and holds in the right hand, which is brought in front of the body, a pencil or crayon, while the left rests upon a sketch-book, with the fingers between the leaves. The head inclines forward to the left, and the expression of the features is of that kind which indicates the entertainment of some striking thought; the entertainment of some striking thought; but it is an expression not identical with the spirit of the works upon which Wilkie's fame rests: it refers rather to what he might have



been than what he was. This, however, will not be considered by many as an objection. The spirit of poetry has been infused into the statue of the painter, which must be considered as a work of very high merit; one that will certainly raise the reputation of the very able and accomplished sculptor. We may recur to it; at present our space may be better occupied by a small memorandum of the figure—sufficient, and that barely—to convey a notion of its style and character. In a glazed niche in the pedestal of the statue is one of Wilkie's palettes, with this inscription:—"This relic, one of the favourite palettes of Sir David Wilkie, was purchased at the sale of the effects of that illustrious and lamented artist on the 4th of May, 1842, and been than what he was. This, however, will not and lamented artist on the 4th of May, 1842, and presented to the sub-committee of the Wilkie Testimonial at Christmas, 1843."

THE LIVING ARTISTS OF EUROPE.

No. II.-ALBERT THORWALDSEN.



Bur few years are now wanting of half a century since this famous sculptor gave earnest of genius equal to the fulfilment of the utmost measure of repu-tation in Art. We are proud in claiming for a coun-tryman of our own the distinction of having been his earliest patron; since, assuredly, but for the

equal to the fulfilment of the utmost measure of reputation in Art. We are proud in claiming for a countryman of our own the distinction of having been his earliest patron; since, assuredly, but for the taste and liberality of the late Mr. Hope, Thorwaldsen would in 1805 have left Rome and returned to Denmark, so seared in heart and broken in spirit as, perhaps, never again to have tempted disappointment in competing for distinction as a sculptor.

The father of Thorwaldsen was a native of Iceland, and subsisted scantily as a carver in wood and stone. His circumstances, indeed, were but an experiment upon the tenacity of life, since they afforded nothing beyond the slenderest support of existence. The great sculptor, Albert, or Bertel, Thorwaldsen (as all who know him love to call him) was born at Copenhagen in the year 1770, and at an early age assisted his father, who soon discovered in him a talent far beyond his own powers. His first toy was his father's chisel, and the rude and technical productions of his parent impressed his young mind as marvels of Art. He received no education, or next to none, but at the age of eleven he entered the gratuitous School of Art at Copenhagen, where he soon distinguished himself. Having passed the drawing and modelling classes, he competed for and gained a gold medial in 1787. The praises lavished on his efforts had no effect in moving his ambition, father's calling—that of carving for ships florid ornaments, or upon occasion nymphs and deities as figure-heads; and such valuable aid did the poor shipcarver derive from the increasing knowledge of his son, that it was proposed that the latter should devote himself to the same drudgery—a proposition happily countervalied by ulterior icreumstances. In 1789 he gained a second prize, and subsequently a gold medial. In 1793 he obtained the grand prize—an honour which entitled him to the academical pension of about forty-eight pounds sterling, continued during three years, in order to enable students to profit by its own resources





was now in comparative repose: she was bereft of her long-loved and carefully-tended household gods and goddesses—a want which the parvenus millionaires who had grown out of anarchy desired to supply, by offering themselves in bronze and marble to the consideration of the world.

During a life so long and so unremittingly laborious it will be understood that nothing short of a catalogue would serve to enumerate his works; for an imagination so teeming as his, is like a tormenting genius whose office it is to impel the body to ceaseless activity. For boar-relief he exhibited a strong predilection, and many of his most beautiful conceptions are embodied in this way. Among the most remarkable of these is 'The Triumph of Alexander,' commissioned by the Marchese Sommariva, and 'Priam asking back the Body of Hector,' which works alone would class him amongst the greatest professors of the Art. Notwithstanding his age, his ardour is undiminished, his genius urges him onward, and he labours at his favourite bas-reliefs with unflagging spirit, having dealt with all human passions and qualities, and all phases of universal nature. Yet the wealth of his mine is unexhausted. In this genre may be particularly mentioned his admirable versions of 'Power,' Wisdom,' 'Health,' 'Justice,' 'Day,' and 'Night,' the last two of which we present in outline, as affording excellent examples of his exquisite feeling. His most famous works have been executed principally since the year 1823—a period comprehending the vast Swiss lion carved from a coxle near Berne of between sixty and eighty feet in height. The Poniatowski monument in the great square at Warsaw is a beautiful allusion, wrought out in a vein of the most graceful poetry. It is an equestrian composition, surmounting a fountain, by the water of which the horse is terrified, as if at the current of the river Elster. He has also gone to the mythology of the Greek fathers, and given us his reading of the Greek fathers, and given us his reading of the Greek parts. He has a scale to

LETTER FROM XANTHUS.

[We have received the following interesting letter from W. Müller, Esq.; who, as our readers are aware-is associated with Mr. Fellowes, in the important expe-dition to Xanthus;—from which may be anticipated very important results to the Arts, by adding largely to our national treasures of antiquities of a remote age, but a refined ere. but a refined era.

We print the letter entire and unaltered; although probably Mr. Müller meant that we should publish only parts of it. It is the fresbness and freedom with which such communications are written that give them their real value; and the absence of studied style and polished composition are their best evidence of

and polished composition are their best evidence of originality.

Mr. Müller has attained the very highest eminence in his profession; he has thoroughly established a reputation, second to no British artist; and he is now extending his information and enlarging his mind by travel—thanking such "Winds

As scatter young men through the world."

Our readers will be no less grateful than we are for this pleasant and serviceable remembrance of his friends at home, by an artist universally respected, esteemed, and regarded, not alone for his genius, but for the amiable and estimable qualities of his mind and heart.]

Xanthus, Asia Minor,

Nov. 29, 1843.

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My dram —, I promised on leaving England to give you some account of my progress in this country: that promise I now keep, trusting you will pardon haste; as "Ports" are scaree things, and an opportunity occurs of sending this to Matiri with despatches that leave to-morrow. If I can give any information worthy of insertion in the Arr-Union, I shall be glad, as it will at least answer to me the purpose of a week's writing—by acquainting my friends that I am still in the land of the living. Well, then, after the usual journey through France I reached the Mediterranean, and took my birth in the "Minos," for Smyrna, leaving my friends Messrs. Fellowes, Hawkins, and Scharf at Malta, to come on by the "Medea," the vessel appointed to the expedition. At Smyrna I was, much against my inclination, detained nearly a month. It is nof a picturesque town. It is an ordinary Eastern town, filled with picturesque people; never have I seen so much beautiful costume; while the long strings of camels, laden with fruits and other merchandise, prove highly attractive to the artist. But the Turkish burial-grounds here are richer in their large cypress-trees than any I had previously seen; in particular those near the Caravan Bridge. There is much that is exceedingly poetic in these resting-places of the dead. The sombre shadow well agrees with the intent of the spot; and if the visitor be inclined to indulge his fancy, let him visit them by moonlight, or at least twilight. At such times, the tombstone, with its carved turban, often deceives, and it requires no particularly powerful imagination to conjure up ghosts and spirits in any number. Few of the Turks are bold enough to go through these cemeteries after dark; and my Greek servant, Nicolo, flatly told me he should decline, and would not go for all Smyrna. He kept his word. I feared the jackals more than the ghosts; but saw what I wanted to see, and returned to the hotel. Enough of Smyrna? I say so now, and so I thought when there. I left it

silence, except at times the heavy breathing of the men, and the splash of the wave as our little craft knocked the water from her bow. Such a silence affords opportunity to think,—especially in such a position as I then found myself; thoughts of home pressed upon the mind, mingled with the ever-anxious hope of the traveller—health. I indulged such thoughts until at length the glorious sun rose from the sea, and shed its cheering beams over the scene; and we discovered in the distance the steam-boat Medea. This was just as it should be: the wind, unfortunately, failed us, but we made signal, and in a very short time had the pleasure of seeing a boat with six men put off; and now all was confusion in getting the things ready for disembarkation, which was done, as other boats took us in tow. We then placed the bagage in the first tent at the mouth of the river Xanthus, and at once proceeded to the head-quarters of Mr. Fellowes, leaving the traps to be brought on by camels and the pontoon. And now for aword or two on the sppearance of the coast, river, &c. At the mouth of the latter is a considerable bar, which renders the crossing by no means easy; during one of the former expeditions, it occasioned the loss of renders the crossing by no means easy; during one of the former expeditions, it occasioned the loss of of the former expeditions, it occasioned the loss of two of the sailors who were trying to cross when the boat-was heavily laden. Fortunately for us there was little wind, and we passed with considerable case. On landing, there is one wide expanse of sand, which, under the intense rays of an Eastern sun, reminded me of Egypt. On the right lies a marsh of flat ground, which extends its pestilential in-fluence over the surrounding country, and forces the of flat ground, which extends its pestilential in-fluence over the surrounding country, and forces the inhabitants to leave the valley for higher ground as the summer approaches. At the present season little fever exists, although I have to regret that it has already visited our small party, and proved fatal to one poor fellow: true, he had long been ill on board his vessel (the "Queen," I believe). With the exception of this and one other instance, as yet we have not had the common average of sickness; in this climate it would be about five per cent.

Xanthus, the seat of the operations, is about 100 or 150 feet above the plain, and, on the left and or 150 feet above the plain, and, on the left and right, is closed in by mountains of considerable height, backed by the Taurus, which is now capped with snow. My earliest opinion on visiting this country was, that some magnificent scenery must exist in the mountain ranges; and, as the costume of the people, for simplicity and elegance, far surpasses the dress of the ordinary Turk, no want of figures could be felt. In this I have not been disappointed; for although as wet I have only been pointed; for although as yet I have only pointed; for although as yet I have only been one or two excursions to any distance, I cannot pass over my visit to Pinara in silence. But I would say a word or two previously on the ruins and antiquities of this place (Xanthus): they prin-cipally consist, then, of tombs—either in the rock or standing as they have existed for centuries past— shaken by earthquake, or pillaged by man. Their forms are most classical, and when covered with forms are most classical, and when covered with sculpture, as in the case of the two grand ones now under process of removing, little inferior to the finest and purest Greek period of Art. Of these two tombs, I must say, if the expedition removed nothing else, they will add to our country two of the most beautiful and splendid remains in existence. Many other objects as fine will doubtexistence. Many other objects as fine will doubt-less in time make their appearance—one has already been turned up—a lion. Although mutilated, and in a rigid style of Art, there is a beauty in its out-line—a purity in its form that would enable it to stand by the side of the finest works of the ancients. Much ground has to be searched, and I sincerely hope not in vain. The city the ancients. Much ground has to be searched, and I sincerely hope not in vain. The city was formerly very large, as its ruins now cover a vast extent of soil. There is little, unfortunately, in the remains of the buildings or temples that may be termed *sketchable*,—being principally piles of stones of enormous size. Cyclopean walls, with Roman ones built upon them, do not exactly suit the artist's folio; yet there may be one who will chance to see this rapid scrawl—a landscape painter I mean—one who would delight in Nature in her wild moods, her savage beauties—let him accompany me to Pinara; but he must be content to live on ecmeu, sleeping in his capoto on the ground in his tent; and, as we have experienced, he may have the treat of a thunder-storm—one, when the lightning plays about him, and thunder as a sort of bass, ending with the tent blowing in, and a perfect deluge of rain. More than one of these nights we passed; glad when daylight broke, and if sunshine with it, all the better. I say he must be con-

tented: and, if he will promise to be so, let him mount his horse and form in, with the long train of mount his horse and form in, with the long train of visitors, servants, and baggage, and, after six hours' ride, he will, tired or not, thank me, and acknowledge that Pinara, with its mountain like a giant castle pierced with thousands of loop-holes [these are tombs surrounded by a moat, this is a mountain torrent, clothed, instead of ivy, with oaks and pines] forms one of the grandest subjects for the pencil he has ever seen. Let him gaze upon it by sunrise—by sunset—and, if his curiosity will not be satisfied, it may be, by seeing its grand form developed through mist by the lurid light of some flash of the thunder-storm. After its outline is flash of the thunder-storm. After its outline is familiar, the tombs will attract his attention, as, in many instances, they are temples cut in the rock.

These in ravine harmonize wonderfully with the general scenery; their colour of a rich ochre—and general scenery; their colour of a rich ochre—and this is curious, as they seem not to have been painted. They were cut in the rock, as before stated; that rock marble. Were they covered with wax? If so, would they have kept their colour for thousands of years? Pinara is not as dry as Thebes, yet, whatever was the means, colour exists on the tombs. The letters, in the Lycian inscriptions, are painted blue and red; why not, then, some substance placed over the entire tomb, giving it polish and general finish. At Myra there is asplendid instance of paint being used in sculpture; it is only of late days it has been omitted. I have it is only of late days it has been omitted. I have seen it on the ruins of Greece, of Nubia, now in Lycia, and can but think it calculated to improve the architectural effect, by rendering the building a part of the general scene by blending them together. But to return to the tombs. The greater part of Pinara is as a piece of honeycomb; it is perforated and carved; and I have generally seen, where much pains have been spent on one of these last abodes of man, great judgment in choice of position has been exercised. They did so with their theatres; at least such is my opinion from what I have observed; why not with their tombs? It has been but of late years that attention has been paid to our burial-grounds; much may be done to improve them. I say nothing about their monu-ments of cream-jugs, tea-caddies, or Gothic blas-phemies. It will be wise for us to look to this department of Art as it existed amongst the Lycians. Some ideas can be *cribbed* (pardon the word).

Some ideas can be cribbed (pardon the word). I hope yet to see a modern Lycian tomb.

A Turk in general is no friend to our graphic display. He is, from never having seen anything of the sort, afraid of some evil consequences; and once when I drew on a scrap of paper the head of a very handsome imaginative gentleman, and gave it to a Turkish lad, thinking to cast some seed of portraiture among the villagers, I had the mortifi-cation to witness my splendid performance stoned by the people before my face!! Try money—
piasters do much in Turkey; but it won't enable
you always to sketch the natives. I asked one
night about six or seven to come and take coffee night about six or seven to come and take coffee round our fire, and bring their monotonous musical instruments (which are very curious). Now, I thought I might get a good group by keeping a little in the shade, and working away whilst they howled to their hearts' content. No sooner was I discovered than I was forced to come to a treaty of so many piasters a head. Now all was right, and to my sketching again I went, when my young friend was discovered doing the same. The Turk, with his usual cunning, immediately demanded an increase, if two drew him. This I would not agree to at first; but at length brought matters pretty even, by insisting that boys ought not to be paid the same as men; so they yielded, and I procured a drawing that pleased me; then went to my tent, and spent nearly a sleepless night went to my tent, and spent nearly a sleepless night by jackals walking round it; not an uncommon thing to see their shadows at night (if moonlight) thrown on the walls of our temporary abode. This is not altogether pleasant when you know that canvas forms the wall. You must look on this letter but as the bones of skeletons found in the desert. You can, if you like, place it into form, and connect its various disjointed parts to render it sightly and understandable; if not, it must appear as it is. From Rhodes I trust to send you another epistle, and it may contain an outline or two of some curious remains that, from never having been published, may afford interest. Indeed Rhodes is all new—a most interesting period of architecture; and its ruins bespeak its former greatness.

Yours ever, &c., W. Müller. went to my tent, and spent nearly a sleepless night

THE NOMENCLATURE OF PICTORIAL ART.* By J. B. PYNE.

HAVING lost the support of the two strictly per-pendicular sides, and the horizontal base and top members of a square frame, a picture placed in a ircle, if not very correctly composed, creates an instantaneous impression of an inclination to subinstantaneous impression of an inclination to subside into some other position than that in which it was painted. It is, consequently, a rather amusing scene to witness two persons busied in adjusting a circular picture to a new frame. If there should happen to be no buildings, or some other unequivocal leading horizontal or perpendicular lines for their guidance, it is ten to one that it be tugged into many positions before both remain satisfied as to the right one.

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As far as correctness go, no compositions are so easily managed as the horizontal, and after that the horizontal and perpendicular; but they are not the norizontal and perpendicular; but they are not favourites, in consequence of the absence of that variety and stir which accompany a more mixed style. They are, nevertheless, productive of more grandeur and solemnity than any others, from the atural and associative character of the two orders f forms. A horizon of water is a fine thing in of forms. A horizon of water is a fine thing in itself, and never fails, with the contemplative, of ordering up vast associations, and amongst them those of eternal duration, repose, latent power, and danger. The tidal throb of the great deep, by which with one huge throe it floods the rivers of one-half the globe, is one of those deep impressions created solely by an extended horizon of waters, and renders it, for the purposes of the painter of high expression, one of the most imposing features

Perpendicular forms are perhaps the next in point of grandeur, and, consequently, associate with the horizontal better than any others—that is, as regards expression—but they cannot be found upon the same scale of magnitude, nor do they possess the quality, or create associations of the same duration; if they did, they would not be so proper, in point of harmony, to compose with the horizontal, as a slight remove from, rather than a horizontal, as a slight remove from, rather than a parallel or perfect opposite, is necessary. The two together possess all the elements of pictorial harmony, that is, relation on some points, and opposition on others, with subordination of one to the other: the horizontal is indicative of a universal law of nature, that of a general subsidence and repose of inanimate matter; and the perpendicular. se of inanimate matter; and the perpendicular, repose of inanimate matter; and the perpendicular, that of power and action to preserve its position; added to which the horizontal is its own base, being a subsidence of all the other lines in nature, while the perpendicular requires one. So much would not have been urged on the associative character of these two lines, were it not that there appears to be a too strong and general feeling to discard them in pictorial art; and it is hoped that too much has not been said, as they form two of the highest elements of that expression which may attach to landscape. attach to landscape.

Allowing the very general objection which attaches to a purely horizontal composition on the score of want of variety, would it not be better to score of want of variety, would it not be better to supply the supposed necessary variety in the form of a frame, rather than disturb the quietude of the composition by adding to it lines of an opposite character? I think it would, and have generally found the oval and circular frame quite equal to this purpose, and to be as much suited to this as they are unsuited and unnecessary to more varied compositions. The circle may with nice pro-

this purpose, and circular frame quite equal this purpose, and to be as much suited to this as they are unsuited and unnecessary to more varied compositions. The circle may, with nice propriety, be given to subjects in which the horizontal is slightly mixed with diagonal lines, fig. 5; and the oval, as it possesses in itself more variety than the pure circle, would adjust itself with equal felicity to the purely horizontal, fig. 6.

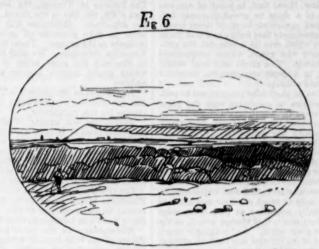
Large circular-formed clouds, swelling hills, and round-headed trees, certainly do not look well in circular, nor do strictly horizontal compositions succeed in squared frames; the obvious reason of which is, that a too palpable or frequent repetition of the same form in any one work, or any accompanying accessory part of it, such as a frame or compartment of a room, generally does some violence to an eye nicely adjusted in the school of pure taste, and is only relished by those who may prefer an undefinable excitement, worked

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out by any discordant and incongruous agencies, to the enjoyment of some pure, unmixed, and un-equivocal passion, exhibited by the hand of true genius and high propriety. The mere diagrams 5 and 6 may give some slight idea of the fitness and utility of certain formed frames to certain compositions; and it is suggested to follow, that a large dome would be

as sorry a tenant to a circular frame, as would a high tower to an upright one. This, on the score of the harmony of lines, which, with other har-monies, such as those of sounds and colours, re-





quire relation, opposition, and subordination; and, following out this principle, the long horizontal composition would better harmonize with an oval than a circle, as having relationship with While upon this subject, another suggestion is offered, that fig. 7, which is of a mixed, horizontal, and perpendicular character, may find some improvement in the frame being given circular upper corners. given circular upper corners, particularly as there are no very palpably circular forms in the picture; the clouds and trees resolving them-selves, though made up of curved detail, into horizontal

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Fig. 7 may be considered a mixed composition of the horizontal and perpendicular, which very nearly equilibrates in itself.

It will be generally found that when that feature forming the horizontal line com-mences in broad dimensions,

ing the horizontal line commences in broad dimensions, and terminates more narrowly, beyond the centre of the picture, that it is necessary to continue the line to the further extremity, by means of some strong object or spot. The eye being carried thus far demands to be taken the whole of the distance, and in this instance it is effected by the dark and light figure; and, under the supposition that it fall on light middle tint, the dark occupies the greater half of the figure. Had the general ground upon which the figure falls been dark middle tint, the greater half of the figure had better have been light, and so on.

Many pictures by the Dutch masters, in which a nearly horizontal line of river is surmounted by a mass of buildings perspectively diminishing past the centre of the work, are horizontal compositions, in which the dark object near the opposite side of the subject, is intended to attract the eye in such a direction as to complete the otherwise incomplete and unsatisfactory line.

The next distinctive character of composition, if not the only remaining one, is the circular.

Compositions—pictorially—cannot be considered in relation to their ground plan, as all forms, under these circumstances, the most complicated as well as simple, resolve themselves into comparatively horizontal lines, in proportion to their removal from the eye; but, on the contrary, can only be considered in relation to the forms they may present on the surface of a picture: thus, that form which on the surface of a picture: thus, that form which on the surface of a picture would present a circle would in its ground plan be of a most complicated character.

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the length of the oval, opposition with the curve, and subordination to the extent and perfectly unbroken character of the surrounding line.



cupied by a rainbow basing itself at or near the two extreme sides, while the lower half should arrange itself into another semicircular form, would present, perhaps, the most palpable instance of the circular composition.

There are many paintings by the old masters in which this form is very happily worked out; the upper half circle composed of winged boys, clouds, and bending foliage, and the lower one by the landscape and larger figures. Natural landscape itself presents ample facilities for this style of composition, in which the forces of colour. light, and shade may be made to marshal themselves in the desired form, round a centre of middle tone. This had no need be done by a too continuous and compact line, but (where the subject and sentiment aimed at allow of such a treatment) by bold and sudden leaps over those large portions of the picture which may be laid in repose, too obvious arrangements being easily detected, and pronounced shallow, which they are unless demanded, while none but works of the very highest order allow of a decidedly geometrical form in their composition; for, unless on business of the highest import, the eye demands for its pleasures an indicated rather than a trammelled course, diversified by bright lights and deep shadows at unequal distances, with now and then an involved passage by way of adventure; as a man in pursuit of recreation may prefer driving his own carriage at his own pace, to being hurled

along a railway without the power of retarding his movement through a beautiful district, or of acce-lerating it through one of barrenness and mono-

lerating it through one of barrenness and monotony.

The proportions in which a picture be brought together, that is the length and breadth of surface upon which it be painted, let it be history, landscape, or portrait, have a great influence on the general impression of the work.

From a close scrutiny of the productions of the old masters, as well as those of our own times, in which anything like impression or sentiment of a definable character have been realized, this is very apparent, so much so that some persons who continually work up to one kind of feeling, as naturally fall into a habit of painting to one kind of proportion, and feel themselves somewhat at fault and oppressed by any addition of an extra length or breadth in the proportions of a canvas. This, of course, is not for a moment intended to apply in the remotest sense to size, but merely to length in its relation to breadth, whether horizontal or upright.

in the remotest sense to size, but merely to length in its relation to breadth, whether horizontal or upright.

In looking at three canvases, one perfectly square, another of an agreeable oblong, and the remaining one very elongated, there would arise no question in the mind of a person of quick perception that the square were—of the three—the proportion in which the elements of severity, grandeur, and importance were most apparent, and that the others possesced in different degrees those of beauty and elegance, which might degenerate into weakness and affectation by an undue augmentation.

The possession of this character by forms would be a matter easily proved, and in the absence of conviction, may perhaps be profitably done; but being accessory only to the subject, and self-evident to most, it may be best to indicate instead the propriety of their application to different classes of subject, as a means of augmenting general impression and unity of sentiment.

In launching a vessel into her element, those seas are selected for her movements which are best fitted for her character and powers; but in launching a picture from the imagination on to a canvas, the same foresight and solicitude as to the fitness of its proportions for the particular subject, its character and power, do not seem always to occupy the mind of the painter, or sufficiently so, if the different geometrical forms upon which pictures usually come have any or the least generic character attributable to them; and which must either go along with and augment, or war against, and in some measure mar that character intended to be realized by the painter of expression. Imagine an extreme case. Place on a square canvas the portrait of an elegant woman; and on a very elongated one, that of a senator or judge; and it would be immediately felt that they had better change places. The same would hold good in history, in landscape, and every style of subject which could be named, and though great results are sometimes worked out by great geniuses, tramm

an unfortunately inappropriate proportion; the in-ference is still left open, that under other and more fortunate circumstances greater results still had

been achieved.

It would follow, then, that, in point of composition, subjects of a deep or grand character had better come upon square surfaces, or those whose proportions approximate that form; and that those compositions in which may be attempted the production of beauty and grace, within proportions more or less oblong. The circle and oval would of course take, in a great measure, the character of the square and oblong.

The adaptation of particular proportions to particular compositions is consistent with the principles which govern the construction of such compositions themselves; thus simplicity, uniformity

neutar compositions is consistent with the principles which govern the construction of such compositions themselves; thus simplicity, uniformity almost approaching the geometrical, weight and strength, for the production of grandeur; variety, not overcharged or repeated, in perfect equipoise, for beauty; and undulating and gentle action, with attenuation, for grace and elegance.

It is the preserving these distinctive characters separate from each other in different compositions, and admitting only so much of their opposites as may be essentially necessary to give them point and value, and no more, that stamps a work as the production of a great mind. And nothing is much more indicative of an inferior one than an attempt to realize in one performance the incompatible characters, though they be beauties, of twenty.

A young painter, before entering professionally the arena of Art, will have heard of the necessity and omnipotence of Variety, and very naturally determines within himself that he will not fail from the want of so valued and so attainable a quality.

termines within himself that he will not rail from the want of so valued and so attainable a quality. Then, plunging from one extreme to another, to avoid sameness, his first canvas becomes an in-volved labyrinth of oppositions, from which it would be difficult to extricate any one prepon-derating mass of forms, bearing solely—in different degrees—upon one particular character. It may not be until after many failures of this description that oppositions would be found not to be varie-ties, but distinct species of lines; and that it is much easier to accumulate an indefinite number of difeasier to accumulate an indefinite number of dif-ferent species of forms than bring together, consist-ently with the pictorial demands of a subject, twenty or a dozen even, of different varieties of one character, in which only consists that true variety intended to be conveyed by the writing or talking of those who have thought profoundly instead of superficially, upon the real elements of an art, upon which as yet very little has been either written or said. There has been, from the very variety times up to the very present, a great deal written or said. There has been, from the very early times up to the very present, a great deal said about pictures, and a great deal about painters, and a little, perhaps too little, about connoiseurs and patrons, but very little indeed about the art itself. It may be, that like some other lovers, the liseif. It may be, that like some other lovers, the lovers of Art are equally tonguetied before their mistress, leaving the more loquacious, though less sincere, to do that part of the business. It is this feeling, as much as any other, that has set me talking or writing about my art; and it is not unlikely that I go on until you are tired of hearing or reading the example. ing the essays.

Walham-green, Fulham.

ART IN CONTINENTAL STATES.

FRANCE.-PARIS.-Before us is a long list of

FRANCE.—Paris.—Before us is a long list of the improvements, architectural and otherwise, in progress in the French capital, which we cannot notice otherwise than in classes. Among the churches in progress of building and re-decoration are, St. Denis, St. Vincent-de-Paul, St. Sulpice, St. Gerwais, St. Severin, St. Germain l'Auxerrois, St. Germain-des-Pres, Notre Dame, the Sainte Chapelle near the Palais de Justice, together with eight or nine others of less note.

Public Works.—The Chamber of Archives in the Rue St. Eloi; the Institution for the Youthful Blind, near the Invalides; the embellishments in the Chambers of Peers and Deputies; the improvement of the Hotel de Ville; a new archiepiscopal palace near Notre Dame; the tomb of Napoleon at the Invalides; the Molière monument; the colossal bronze elephant for the Place de la Bastille, besides innumerable other improvements, exhibiting upon the part of our neighbours a determination to leave nothing undone for the embellishment of Paris.

Her Majesty's Visit to Eu.—This has already been fertile of subject-matter for artists. Paul Delaroche and Morel Fatio have received commis-Delaroche and Morel Fatio have received commissions to paint the particular incidents of the visit: The landing at Treport, the arrival at the Chateau d'Eu, the fête in the forest, the review, and the departure. Delaroche will visit London in order to take portraits of personages intended to figure in the groups. These works are for the Versailles collection. We shall rejoice to welcome to England the great artist of France; a man whose genius confers honour and glory on his country. country

The Napoleon Mausoleum.-The sculptor Pra dier has received a commission for twelve marble statues for this monument.

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Antiquities.—A society of antiquaries in the neighbourhood of Etaples have for some time been occupied in researches on the site of the Roman station Quantovicum, the remains of which have been buried in the sand since the fourth century. Their industry has been rewarded by the acquisition of upwards of four thousand coins.

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Flandin to Mosul to assist M. Botta, the French consul, in his researches at that place. M. Flandin is known as having travelled in Persia.

Monuments.—In the salon Louis XIV., in the Palace of the Fine Arts, is arranged a highly interesting collection of models, consisting of 104 Egyptian, Greek, and Roman monuments, formed the sale and greek, and Roman monuments, formed the sale and greek and sale sale but discovery and a small scale but discovery are a small scale but discovery and small scale but di

fork and gypsum on a small scale, but distinguished by the utmost nicety of execution.

Lyons.—At the auction of the beautiful enamels and other productions of Art belonging to M. Didier Petit, whose collection was known as one of the best in the south of France, a Byzantine cabitate of expensive work manshin was sold for 900. net, of exquisite workmanship was sold for 900 francs, and another for 500 francs. A beautiful triptychon of the sixteenth century, by the celerated Peter Reximont, was sold for 4325 francs; and three enamelled bocales, the work of the same artist, were sold for 1479, 705, and 551 francs respectively. As M. Petit was well known for his taste in vertu, the disposal of the collection attracted buyers from a great distance.

Marcantonio.—We perceive that lately a series of the works of this celebrated engraver were sold in this city. They had been the property of the late M. Denon, who obtained them from the collection of M. Zanetti of Milan. The plates were lection of M. Zanetti of Milan. The plates were 133 in number, of which 117 were by himself, and 16 by some of his pupils; the names of the latter we do not find mentioned, but we cannot think that the engravings of any others than of Agostino of Venice, and Marco of Ravenna, would be associated with his own. As the works of this engraver are rare, and his style and line of subject little known in England, we have only to observe, in order to account for the estimation in which they are held, that his best works are after Raffaelle, in whose studio and under whose immediate direction he worked. In 1826, this same series was offered for sale at the auction of Denon's effects, and bought in at 15,000 francs, the price at which it has now been sold is 18,000 francs.

GERMANY.— MUNICH.— The presentation

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GERMANY. — MUNICH. — The presentation plate of the Munich Art-Union for the year 1842, is a copperplate engraving by Thäter, after a cartoon by Schnorr—the subject of which is 'The Entrance of Barbarossa into Milan in the Year 1162.' The cartoon was made for an encaustic painting, which was executed in one of the salons of the palace at Munich. Our own Art-Unions have, as yet, no such stores to apply to, although have, as yet, no such stores to apply to, although have, as yet, no such stores to apply to, although there are abundant sources whence might be supplied better subjects than we have hitherto seen presented. High Art in Germany is brought forward in a manner which must inevitably school the people into a taste for it. Whithersoever they turn, it is before their ever-in their paleoes and the people into a taste for it. Whithersoever they turn, it is before their eyes—in their palaces and churches; the result is a desire to possess engraved facsimiles of these works—on the part of many from real admiration, on the part of others because they would learn to esteem what is so generally prized.

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Westminster Abbey.—It is rarely that foreign artists select subjects from English scenery or edifices; there are, however, at present in Munich two pictures by Ainmüller, an admired painter of interiors: the one is a view in Westminster Abbey, showing the tombs, &c.; the other is St. George's Chapel at Windsor, as seen from the choir.

Leipsic.—English Wood-engraving.—In an

article extending to some length in the "Allgemeines Organ," the most recent productions of our wood-engravers are canvassed in succession. The writer dwells upon the illustrations of the "British Ballads," which, he says, was looked forward to with much impatience, as implying a disposition to break a lance with the artists of Germany. Foreigners, but more especially the Germans, are disposed to admit the merit of our wood-engraving in some degree, though not in its full measure; and when others discover nothing to cavil at in the technical execution, they invariably harp upon the one discordant string—the drawing or the design, as in the present case. In the first number of the "British Ballads," says this writer, we found nothing new, it was merely "an imitation of our Germans." This was followed by the second, third, fourth, and "hold!" He proceeds, "What do we see here? Figures and costumes, groups, third, fourth, and "hold!" He proceeds, "What do we see here? Figures and costumes, groups, ideas, and forms, all shamefully, cunningly plundered from the 'Nibelungenlied.' The best groups and positions are the property of our Düsseldorfers, from whose rich imaginations arose the modestly-presented originals. In these balthe modestry-presented originals. In these ballads we recognise no original thought, no modesty—but, on the contrary, the most shameless hardihood. Franklin, beyond all others, seems most to have delighted in the character of *Chrim*most to have delighted in the character of Chrim-hild—who would not? He, however, seems to have pushed the matter really too far, for we find her presented even three times in one scene. Gilbert and others have done the like with figures, their positions, and costume—with horses and their gear! In short, the most of the ideas are from the 'Nibelungenlied.'" Upon this subject we shall have more to say hereafter.

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DRESDEN.—Another Venus by Titian!—The Venuses of Titian seem multitudinous. A writer from Dresden says:—" Our newly-discovered and admirably-restored Venus by Titian gains daily in the esteem of all connoisseurs." We have heard nothing of the history of this picture further than that, as usual, it was discovered among a quantity of lumber: having thus lain neglected for a century. We presume that these same "connoisseurs" have good grounds for their increasing admiration; for ourselves, our admiration is at any miration; for ourselves, our admiration is at any time excited by an approach to the transparent flesh tones we see in the picture in the Tribune at Florence; but nothing one iota short of this, unaccompanied by an indisputable pedigree of possessorship, will over raise the enthusiasm and confidence of reasonable persons to the equivalent of £10,000. miration; for ourselves, our admiration is at any

The Saxon Art-Union.—The confusion and divisions which during two years have prevailed between the officers and members of this Art-Union, have been at length amiably arranged at a general meeting, on which occasion were passed a new set of resolutions, especially favourable to artists who are natives of Saxony.

COLOGNE.—The restoration of the monument f the Archbishop Frederick of Laawerden is of the Archbishop Frederick of Lawerden is now completed by the sculptor Stephan—an ob-ject which contributes much to the enrichment of the choir of the cathedral. The same artist is now busied in restoring the other tombs.

Bonn.—The philosophical faculty of this university have conferred on Schadow, the Director of the Academy of Düsseldorf, the degree of

Beaum.—The King of Saxony has conferred on the celebrated sculptor Rauch the honour of knighthood of the Civil Order of Merit.

The artist Frey, who accompanied the Prussian expeditition to Egypt, has been robbed of the results of his labours, and is returned to Rome, to re-establish his health, which suffered from the climate of Egypt.

The oil-painting by Cornelius of 'Christ in Limbo' has been exhibited in the gallery of Count Raczinsky.

RSTADT.—The restoration of the cathe-HALBI dral is already advanced, and it is worthy of ob-servation that the nicest care is exercised in preserving the strictest harmony between the resto

portions and the ancient structure.

GRATZ.—After the business of the recent assembly of physicians and naturalists held here, the Governor of Styria gave a fele, the arrangements and decorations of which had for some time previously given employment to a number of artists.

STUTTGART.—The new exhibition-rooms in this city were thrown open this year for the first time.

In the catalogue are enumerated two hundred and twelve works, contributed by one hundred and fifty-seven artists. Of those sent by distant painters, those of the Munich artists were the most numerous, while those of the Dutch were the most numerous, while those of the Dutch were the best. In looking over a notice of this exhibition we were much struck by the empty and vain egotism of the remarks intended rather to illustrate the writer than enlighten the reader. The signature, however, at the end of the paper, "Dr. H. Merr" (!), explained the matter at once. The reader is continually reminded throughout the paper of the great Ego by such phrases as—"I omit," "I have seen," "I lament," &c. &c.; and, when this doctor saddens down to the dead march of pathos, he speaks of the "lilies of the grave," &c. &c.; and in his more jaunty style speaks, in his satyr-like gambols, of "milk and blood and blue eyes" ("milch und blut und blaue augen"). The tone of his offensive notice is that of pointless illnature—such as he exhibited when writing of our own exhibitions: he tells one writing of our own exhibitions: he tells one artist to throw his pencil into the Rhine, where it is deepest; and another that his work is not dis-tinguished by the merits of those of Horace Vernet, &c. &c.in short,

"A very few he understands, so forthwith damns that few, And ignorant of all the rest, [he straightway damns

Anonymous Works of Early Art.—Much attention, we observe, is at this moment directed in Germany to all remains of the earliest periods of oilpainting; and, strange to say, there exist many pictures of high merit for their respective periods, whose authors are entirely unknown. One of these is in the provincial museum of Munster, whither it was removed from a church at Soest. Another anonymous work of great excellence is in the possession of Herr Krüger of Minden: it is known as the picture of the Liesborn Master, and was painted in 1462; but the name of this "Liesborn Master" is unknown; and yet, more singular, there is known no other work that has been painted by

CASSEL.-At a recent scientific assembly held at this place Herr Göttling of Jena read a paper on at this place herr cotting of state which is preserved at Florence, together with other reliques in the Loggia dei Lsnzi. It is generally called the 'Goddess of Silence'; but Herr Göttling proceeded to show that it was the statue of a German woman; in support of which assumption he directed attention to the arrangement of the hair, the general costume, and even the shape of the shoes, as all agreeing with the description of Tacitus.

ITALY.—ROME.—The mosaicist, the Cheva-lier Michelangelo Barberi, has perfected for the Emperor of Russia two large mosaic compositions, representing Rome at the most striking epochs of her history.

The sculptors Finelli and Tenerani, the architect Salvi, and the secretary of the Academy of St. Luke, Salvatore Betti, have been appointed members of the Academy of Arts at Vienna.

CREMONA.—It is intended to ornament the façade of the Church of St. Agatha with a representation of the martyrdom of this saint. The work will be executed in marble by the young sculptor Seleroni, who is a native of this place.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE ART-UNION.

SIR,-In the Times of the 26th of December, at the latter part of a review of Sir David Wilkie's life, it was said "Edmund Burke touched up and revised, if he did not altogether write, Sir Joshua Reynolds' Academy discourses." I really had thought, in the present state of the public estimation of the degree of intellect re-quired to be a great painter, this exploded suspicion had died with the ignorance of the age in which it was listened to, and that no man, after reading Malone's remarks, and Sir Joshua's contradiction, could, at this

time of day, have repeated so absurd a conclusion. It is well known, about 50 or 60 years ago, a man, nder the appellation of Antony Pasquin, published ome letters, said to be written by Reynolds to a lady, whilst he was on his voyage to Italy, in which there was bad spelling; and insinuated that the discourses on Art delivered by Reynoids could not have been written by himself, as if spelling badly and thinking powerfully were incompatible, supposing the letters to be genuine. Amongst Reynolds' papers published in the edition of his works, 1798, were found allusions to this suspicion, so prevalent at the time; and in them Reynolds denies he ever received a thought from his illustrious literary friends, but candidly acknowledges, by his constant intercourse with literary characters, and especially Dr. Johnson, his mind had been taught and especially Dr. Johnson, his mind had been taught to think. "The observations," says Reynolds, "they made on poetry and philosophy, I applied to our art; with what success I leave to others."

Malone says, "I am as fully persuaded the discourses were wholly written by Sir Joshua as I am certain at

this moment I am wielding my pen in vindication of

Malone says Reynolds sometimes consulted himself or Burke, on verbal corrections, as Burke did when he wrote, and as all literary men do when they write; but whoever doubted Burke's originality because he con-sulted his friends on verbal proprieties? Reynolds' love of truth was unquestionable: he would have scorned such affirmation if it had not been correct. Malone says he (Malone) was asked if he had not four discourses in the handwritings of others. He replied, never; but that he found four discourses in Sir Joshua's

on handwriting, warm from the brain. We have thus, lst, Sir Joshua's own as yellarve thus, ist, Sir Joshua's own asseveration; Jandly, Malone's intimate knowledge of Sir Joshua's intellectual powers; 3rdly, the collateral evidence of his, Sir Joshua's, papers found after his death; and 4thly, the relative credibility of the two men, Reynolds and Pasquin. Reynolds' whole life was devoted to a beautiful art; practice produced reflection, and reflection theory. Reynolds' integrity was unquestioned, his honour unim-peachable; he lived with the highest characters of the age, and died regretted and followed to the grave by the most distinguished men of the day; whilst Pasquin was a literary hireling of the very worst description: earned money by threatening disclosures, and died from a beating he got from an exasperated man of honour! Will it not be an insult to ask your readers which of these two men is to be credited, Pasquin or Sir Joahua?

Few eminent artists have written well, sava the same critic in Wilkie's review: this is not fairly stated. Few artists have written at all, but those who have written have written well: viz.—Apelles and Euphranor—Mi-chael Angelo and Lionardo—Lairesse and Coypel—Ru-

bens and Reynolds.

To conclude, let us hope, from what has been said above, that no one will ever permit a doubt to be cast on the fame of Sir Joshua again: he was the greatest painter in Europe, since Rembrandt, Rubens, and Velasquez; no man can be a great painter without deep thinking, and no man ever thought deeply without being able to convey his thoughts to others, either by talking or writing, if he took the trouble. The modesty, gentleness, and purity of the style in the lectures could not have been Burke's: it is more than impossible they could have been Johnson's. There ought to be no doubt, what Sir Joshua says himself is the truth, viz.—that intercourse with great minds taught his mind to think originally, and as they reasoned on the general principles of things, so did he reason on his particular calling, from its connexion with the general principles of things: and this action and reaction is the true secret.

It is a pity artists do not now mingle as much as they ought with literary men, and a very interesting lecture might be written on the great utility of the connexion B. R. HAYDON. to both classes.

London, Jan. 12, 1844.

[This defence of the most accomplished artist of the past century is a worthy subject for the pen of an artist, who is certainly an able writer. We rejoice to artist, who is certainly an able writer. We rejoice to meet Mr. Haydon's pen so employed. It is very gratifying to find him advocating the genius and character of so truly great a man. Mr. Haydon makes some alight reference to the advantages which the painter may derive from intercourse with men of letters—advantages rather which will be interchanged; for literary men find no associates so serviceable as artists. We trust he will enlarge upon this subject—and thus confer a very great obligation on both.]

VARIETIES.

ROYAL ACADEMY.—The customary "notice for the exhibition 1844" has been issued. It requests artists to send their "performances"—an ill-chosen word, by the way—"on Monday, the 8th, or Tuesday, the 9th of April." We print—in our advertising columns, the place where the public announcement of a public body most fitly appears—the "Notice to Students," inviting them to compact for medals in 1844. inviting them to compete for medals in 1844. They are offered only for boy-studies—" academy figures," and so forth—that is to say, for mechanical execution apart from mind

Upon this subject of Academic Medals we have a few words to say. In our last we allude to the absence of competition for the Gold Medal for Historic Composition. We have since re-ceived two or three letters on the subject: they induce these remarks. The subject proposed to the students—one of whom was to be rewarded with the present of a gold medal for months of hard labour (we by no means put out of sight the honour to be obtained) — was "Themistocles taking refuge at the Court of King Admetus." Now, it would really seem as if our authorities in Art were content to stand still, while all around them is animated by an onward move-ment. This story of Themistocles is called his-torical, as if nothing else were worthy of being so called. We have some respect for the "The-mistocles of Thucydides" of Cornelius Nepos; but have no wish to see him assuming a place due to some one of our own heroes or worthles. Indeed, to our minds, the selection cannot be defended upon any one good or sufficient reason: it is an old custom, and in this case a decidedly bad one, "more honoured in the breach than in the ob-servance." We would gladly know how man servance." We would gladly know how many pictures of this class the gentlemen, or any of them who have executed such subjects, may have sold; for if we could number the sales of the beautiful works of Hilton, it would not be difficult to count those disposed of by any painter of Greek history. Why are students to entertain a subject from such a source, when our own history is as yet an unexplored mine, that is to say, for works of any merit at all? We admit all the beauty and worth of classical art, and feel, in its fullest force, the enchanting poetry of the ancients; but a vene-ration for their works is not shown in painting them, but in painting, ourselves, with as much regard to natural truth as they have shown. It is well known that this style of subject will never well known that this style or subject will never produce the student a penny, even supposing him grown into a skilful painter; how much better, then, would it have been to propose a sub-ject from British history, which, by the way, few even of our best painters deal with, in truth. A time is fast approaching when all this out-of-place pseudo-classiculity must have an end.

THE BRITISH INSTITUTION .- Up to the THE BRITISH INSTITUTION.—Up to the present moment, we believe, no one has been appointed to fill the place vacated by the death of Mr. Seguier; the "hanging" of the exhibition, however, is proceeding; the managing directors having "seen to it" for the past two or three days, leaving the remainder to "chance." We shall most anxiously watch for the appearance of the collection on the first or second ance of the collection on the first or se Saturday of February.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY .- We lament to record an act of unaccountable wickedness in the National Gallery—the injury of one of the pictures by a young scoundrel, who, if he be not insane, ought to be publicly whipped round the

WOOD - ENGRAVING .-WOOD-ENGRAVING.—THE SCHOOL OF DESIGN.—We had prepared a lengthened article on this subject. To publish it, however, can do no service; for the branch in which, according to contract, wood-engraving is taught to female pupils is at present in active operation. It is needless to say more. In the discharge of our duty we are bound to watch the proceedings of a public institution established and sustained out of the public funds; and, therefore, strictly responsible to public opinion; not like the Royal Academy, which really owes the public no debt. It will be, however, very far from our wish to embarrass its proceedings by listening to vague complaints. If the council and its managers know their own interests, they will not object to something like a suspicious observation of the course they pursue.

ARCHITECTURAL LECTURES.—On the even-ing of the 25th of January, George Godwin, Esq., F.R.S. and S.A., delivered a lecture in the theatre of the Western Literary Society, on the progress of architecture, from the earliest times that present any evidence of the efforts of man having been directed to the construction of edifices for domestic or sacred purposes. The lecturer prefaced his view of the course of architecture downwards by some observations on its tecture downwards by some observations on its paramount interest as a fine art—as affording us the landmarks of history, and incontrovertible evidence of the degree of refinement and intellectual culture existing among nations that, even thousands of years ago, have been merged in the inevitable tide of the perpetually progressive change to which the surface of the globe is subject. The historian amid the gloom and descriptions of the surface of the globe is subject. jeet. The historian, amid the gloom and deso-lation of regions that have once been famous, finds nothing now there to trim his lamp by save those monuments which their inhabitants have set up as if to compete with time: to these, therefore, must all turn who would consider the state of the earlier races of mankind, for thus have they des-scribed themselves in imperishable characters of stone. The lecturer alluded to the primitive state of man as pastoral and dwelling in tents, and as living in caves. After sustenance, the next care of every animal is shelter; and in the barbarous , but one remove from beasts of prey, caves and tents served as shelter from the rays of the sun and the inclemency of the weather. The latter of these habitations is that to which mankind has most tenaciously clung; since dwellers in tents have existed in all countries, and still inhabit large tracts of country, and are now the same as they were thousands of years ago. Those, on the contrary, who dwelt in caves or "in the rock," aimed at something beyond the rude bur-row, and attempted architectural embellishment : banks of the Nile present examples of their efforts to this end in the excavations found there. Rocks were hollowed for habitations and the exercise of sacred mysterics; many such dwellings and temples yet remain, showing us that men inhabited the "living rock," and also found sepulture therein. Having touched upon many of the records in scripture bearing upon his subject, Mr. Godwin spoke of the Druidical remains in Britain, and the various absurd theories adduced to account for such an assemblage of huge stones, which, it is not difficult to show, attest in themselves that their arrangement is in nowise owing to chance, since those which are placed horizontally upon others, are hollowed to receive the tops of the latter in such a manner as at once to proclaim human agency. Altars were the first and simplest attempts at construc-tion. They were formed of a few stones piled together; they were afterwards more elaborately constructed, and at length covered in by edifices upon which every magnificence was lavished, figuring in history as the great temples of the world. Besides Stonehenge, remarkable Druidi-oal remains exist, as at Urswick and other places, which are, with much probability, supposed to have been places appointed for the periodical assemblage of the people on occasions of great religious feetivals. In South America relics very similar in arrangement and construction are found. It has been a matter of question as to how such immense blocks of stone could be moved into, and adjusted in, the positions they occupy. This is accounted for, most pro-bably, by supposing that a mound of earth was formed, to the top of which they were gra-

dually moved, and thence tilted over to their in-Of the many extraordinary edifices mentioned in sacred history there are but few of them of which we can have any just conception. It has been remarked by more than one writer, that the abodes of the living have been destroyed, while the resting-places of the dead in so many cases remain perfect: of these, the most remarkable are the Pyramids of Egypt, which, in size, are proportionate to the length of the reign of the king whom they were intended to entomb. Of the base of the great pyramid some idea may be formed from Lincoln's Inn-fields, the area of which is about equal to the site of the pyramid Mr. Godwin closed his lecture with of Cheops. a detailed description of Egyptian architectural remains, and on Thursday the 6th of February the subject will be concluded with an account of modern architecture. He has contrived to render the subject deeply interesting and popular.

MR. WILKIN'S LECTURES.—This gentleman is proceeding with a second course of lectures on perspective, the heads of which consist of the most prominent difficulties opposing the progress of the student; many of which he explains away by novel and ingenious methods of practical demonstration. It has been too much the practice in lectures of this kind, to lay down the arbitrary precept, without one word of that kind of explanation which renders the rule the more valuable from being intelligible in its principle. The utility of perspective to artists of all classes cannot be disputed, though, perhaps, many may be indisposed to admit its application to the extent to which it is carried by Mr. Wilkin. He insists, with good reason, on the profit arising from a perfect knowledge of the perspective of the cube in all its positions, and applies it even to animal drawing; we conceive, however, that attempting to model animals in this way would induce stiffness,—in short, to whatever proposition the lecturer turns he elucidates his matter by the most abundant demonstration.

Burford's Panorama.—The view now exhibiting by this indefatigable artist is that of the harbour of Treport, on the occasion of her Majesty's embarkation, when about to return from France to England. Treport, it will be remembered, is a small harbour on the coast near the Chateau d'Eu. The scenery is extremely picturesque, being constituted—as principal objects—of the church, the rising cliffs, houses, fishing-boats, &c., all admirably composing for effect. In the main group of figures are seen her Majesty, the King of the French, Prince Albert, the Queen of France, Duchess of Orleans, &c. &c., many of which are striking likenesses.

THE LATE H. P. BRIGGS, ESQ., R.A.—We deeply lament to record the death of this estimable gentleman and accomplished artist—one whose loss will be severly felt by many loving friends, and whose absence from the profession he adorned will not be atoned for easily. It is known that Mr. Briggs commenced life as a painter of history, but found it necessary, when the cares and responsibilities of life pressed upon him with marriage—a most happy one, which death too soon dissolved—to become a painter of portraits. We hope next month to be placed in a condition to do justice to his memory. He has left two orphans.

ANATOMICAL LECTURES.—A course of lectures are in progress of delivery by Mr. Rogers, at the studio of the Society of Artists in Clipstone-street. We are glad to find that anatomy, so long neglected, is beginning to attract the decided attention of the rising members of the Art. M. Ingres, the well-known French artist, studied, we believe, during ten or twelve years, the human conformation from the recent subject. We mention this example as the first occurring to us; but every French artist disdistinguished by any excellence in drawing the figure, is indebted, in a great measure, for his reputation, to his knowledge of anatomy. It is true that the French student has an important

advantage as regards the price of the subject and portions of it, which varies from ten to something beyond twenty francs; whereas, with us, five or six, and even ten guineas, is the price-Mr. Rogers' manner of lecturing is clear and In describing the muscles of the nnaffected. abdomen and their functions, he had, first, recourse to the skeleton, and pointed out the bones in more immediate connexion with the region in question; after which he went to the subject, and spoke of the muscles, their functions, and relations. We may be allowed an observa-tion on the position of the body, which was placed horizontally, and in a manner difficult to be seen from the side seats. In some of the foreign schools it is placed upright, raised somewhat above the lecturer: a position in which the eye from every point can more readily determine the places of the muscles with reference to each

ETON COLLEGE.—The extensive improvements which are now in progress under the superintendence of Mr. Shaw, the architect, promise to render the whole pile of buildings of more antique and collegiate aspect than before. At the north end of the long walk a gateway and lodge with an octangular tower have been erected, adjacent to the head-master's lodgings, and immediately facing the principal entrance into the college, from the street, have been built two large and commodious houses in the Elizabethan style—a very desirable substitute for the mean dwellings which heretofore occupied that conspicuous situation.

THE NEW STREETS .- A correspondent of the Morning Chronicle expresses the hope that due regard will be paid to architectural design in the elevations of the houses along the line of new streets intended to lead from Leicester-square to Bloomsbury. The writer earnestly deprecates a second edition of Regent-street, or of the tame but less displeasing style which marks the reign of Lord Duncannon. This advice certainly does of Lord Duncannon. This advice certainly does not come too late, for although preparations have been made they are merely symptoms: houses have been pulled down here and there, and in some places to a considerable extent, still only so as to leave gaps for the present, from which it is difficult to trace out with any distinctness the intended course of the new thoroughfare that will thus be opened through what has been a labyrinth of mean streets and vile lanes. It is not, however, as yet, quite clear whether architectural character at all will be aimed at in the fronts of the houses, except as far as individuals may choose to make such display; but, if any general scheme of embellishment is to be adopted, it is desirable that the commissioners should have some power of control, and that their respective designs should be submitted to them for their sanction. At the same time that it is highly desirable a general consistency of character should be kept up, this ought not to be done by carrying on the same elevation from almost one end to another, for that occasions nearly as great a degree of wearisome sameness as attends plainfronted houses—perhaps more—because where any kind of design has been introduced there has also been opportunity for some variety.

FRENCH FABRIC IN SILK.—Before us is an example of the astonishing excellence at which the French have arrived in their silk manufactures. It is a broad white satin ribbon, whereon the portrait of our Sovereign is so exquisitely wrought as on ordinary inspection to resemble the impression of a mezzotinto plate on satin. The portrait is one of the many that have been published since the accession of her Majesty—the most simple of all these—by Ross, and may be remembered as consisting of little else save the head having the hair arranged in the plainest manner, and treated on the whole with an entire absence of affectation. We cannot regard this otherwise than as a triumph of Art, which, of course, might first be expected from the French, seeing that we have not yet grown strong under

countenance of the act for the protection of the copyright of designs. It is impossible to con-ceive a work of the loom more beautiful than this, because it would be impossible more faithfully to render the feeling of the artist, who has been most successfully followed in every touch and every line. The mechanical part of the work exhibits a perfect mastery in satin-weaving as regards the nicety with which the gradations of shadow are laid in. The extremes of colour are of course white and black, the latter being ground or warp, which is exposed more or less according to the degree of depth necessary: as for instance, being entirely bared where depth is required for the hair, and, on the contrary, in the highest lights being worked up to the perfect satin surface. The same principle of fabric we see exhibited in our own commonest Barnsley table-covers in two shades or two colours, but we remember to have seen nothing approaching the excellence of this production. We have now the long-desiderated productionwe have now schools of design supported at an enormous cost to the country—there can be now, therefore, nothing to prevent home manufacture from assuming a standard in tasteful ornament equal to those of our continental neighbours; for we remember that in the evidence before the House of Commons it was stated that the respectable manufacturers paid large sums for designs, the most promising of which were immediately appropriated by others who subsisted by piracy. Tapestry is associated with the names of the greatest painters, and why should not the best of our artists become the improvers of public taste in this way? Such was the wish and occu-pation of those who lived in the best times of Greek and Roman art, and if the carving of a cup to ornament the shelf of a hind were not beneath the attention of Alcimedon, called "the divine," or the shape of a vase not indifferent to the greatest of the ancient sculptors, we know of no one among ourselves who could feel otherwise than elated on effecting, in anywise, an improve-ment of the public taste. In the present case the author of the original portrait of the Queen must feel it a high compliment that his version has been selected for this purpose,—indeed, since the loom is capable of such perfect imitation, we know of no artist, be his excellence what it may, of whose best efforts the useful arts and manufactures are unworthy, be it in designing a pattern for a ribbon or a group for a cup. In every country save our own the highest names are associated with useful and ornamental fabrics, and it rests with artists themselves so to school the publie taste as to render their art popular.

PRINCE ALBERT ON ART-UNIONS. PRINCE ALBERT ON ART-UNIONS.—An application having been made by Stewart Blacker, Esq., for permission to dedicate to his royal highness the forthcoming print of the Irish Art-Union, Mr. Anson, his secretary, stated in reply that "The Prince is extremely glad to hear of the prosperity of the Royal Irish Art-Union, feeling assured that these institutions will exercise a most hear of all influence on the Arts." beneficial influence on the Arts."

CHURCH PAINTING AT MALTA.—We learn with much pleasure that Mr. T. F. Heaphy has been commissioned to paint an altar-piece for the cathedral at Malta—the church erected by the munificence of the Queen Dowager. So important and honourable a task could not easily be confided to better hands; Mr. Heaphy has eschewed the more popular and profitable course in Art for that which brings fame and fortune—very, very slowly. Great sacrifices must be made by such men—sacrifices to attain the power of creating high-class pictures, and sacrifices almost as large when "commissions" are obtained; for they will be executed, even although little more than the cost of colour and canvas may be obtained for their production. The works of Mr. Heaphy are seldom seen at exhibitions; they are rarely of the "exhibitable" class; but such as we have had opportunities of examining fully bear out the opinions of the leading members of

his profession—they manifest high invention, fertile fancy, and considerable skill in execution.

THE STATUE OF GEORGE IV.—The pedestal of this work is at length completed, and the whole is now exposed. On inquiry, before the work could be seen, we were informed that it was in the "Roman style;" but it will defy the most learned head to say in what "style" it is, most learned head to say in what "style" it is, for surely no mortal was ever thus equipped for riding. Taking the work as a whole, without question of its reasonableness, there is much to admire in it, and we agree with Sir Francis Chantrey in the conclusion, that if we have in this country the finest breed of horses in Europe, the sculptor should studiously seek to appro-priate the best points of the most valuable of these animals—the heavy Flemish war-horse has theid his place too long in sculpture, it is time that he were supplanted by something of better breeding. The horse is standing, but his posi-tion is full of movement, and the rider sits like a Parthian-as if his seat were secure against every shock. With respect to the personal equipment of the figure, it is throughout a series of anomalies. The coiffure of George IV. was a thing no more to be reconciled in any attempt at classical sculpture, than would have been the formally-curled perruque of George III.; that mass, therefore, of curled hair, is utterly absurd in association with what we presume to consider a toga, for there is no attempt to treat it in any way Brutus-like. The manner of clothing the lower limbs exhibits a ridiculous compromise of the trunk-hose of our ancestors. Since the artist had gone so far, it would have been better, for the sake of something like consistency, to have left the limbs uncovered as of old. Considering the work without regard to all these circumstances—which have been overlooked—the utmost that can be said for its treatment is, that it is in some degree picturesque, and, but for the thoroughly English head of hair, the figure would resemble a Gaulish chief of the last period of the Roman dominion.

THE LEICESTER MONUMENT AT HOLKHAM. -No fewer than seventy-six designs were sent in to the committee, although the competitors were restricted to the form of a column; consequently were neither left to their own judgment, nor afforded other scope for invention than that arising from ornamental details and accessories. The one selected, however, does seem, from the description given of it, if it be a correct one, to be quite a novel composition, the capital being adorned with heads and fore-parts of animals (cattle), perhaps somewhat after the manner of the Greek fragments found by Mr. Kinnaird in the Isle of Delos. This capital is surmounted by n—wheatsheaf! and on three sides of the pedestal of the column will be bas-reliefs, the fourth being left for an inscription. From this it appears that there will be no statue of the Earl appears that there will be no statue of the Earl himself, no other figure of him than one intro-duced into one of the bas-reliefs, where he is to be represented in the act of granting a lease to a tenant—a rather singular subject for sculpture. The author of this selected design, which will now, probably, be sent to the next Royal Aca-demy exhibition, is Mr. Dontharne, of Hanavardemy exhibition, is Mr. Donthorne, of Hanover-His success, however, is not quite unalloyed, for a letter from another competitor has loyed, for a letter from another competitor has appeared in print, taxing him with unfair and unprofessional conduct on the occasion, alleging that he prepared four different designs, two of which he took down with him into Norfolk, and there exhibited them previously to their being sent into the committee, thereby canvassing among the subscribers for votes in his favour. This can hardly be altogether a misrepresentation of the matter; at all events, Mr. Donthorne will now probably offer some explanation of it. now probably offer some explanation of it.

ART IN THE PROVINCES.

LIVERPOOL.—The Art-Union was drawn at the close of December; soon after which the sales from the Liverpool Exhibition were made up. They have greatly exceeded those of last year. The following the control of the cont lowing list gives the names of the artists, and the titles of the pictures that have been disposed of:—

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'Dolly Varden,' by W. P. Frith. 'Summer,' by H. Jutaum. 'The Kitchen, Tymawr, Dolgelly,' by W. Collingwood. 'River Scene—Moon rising,' by E. Williams, sen. 'Landscape and Cattle,' by E. Williams, sen. 'Candscape and Cattle,' by E. Williams, sen. 'On Milton Marshes,' by E. Duncam. 'View of Yanweth Hall,' by Copley Fielding. 'Netley Abbey—Moonlight,' by J. T. Eglington. 'Castle Crag, near the Grang, Keswick,' by W. Havell. 'The Wife,' by J. Bostock. 'One of the Foraging Party,' by R. Hannah. 'Cogitating the Poor Bill,' by P. Westcott. 'The Blacksmith's Shop,' by S. Eglington. 'The Loiterer,' by R. Hannah. 'Looking toward's Yarmouth from Key Haven, Isle of Wight,' by A. Vickers. 'Hastings Beach,' by S. Walters. 'Study from Nature,' by J. Wilson, jun. 'Musidors,' by C. Stonehouse. 'An Its-lian Child, a Study from Nature,' by P. Inekipp. 'The Idler,' by R. Farrier. 'View in Essex,' by Miss C. Nasmyth. 'The North Shore, Liverpool,' by S. Walters. 'The Welsh Peasant Girl,' by P. P. Poole. 'Faistaff, Justice Shallow, Silence, and Feeble,' by J. Stephenoff. 'St. Andrew's, Fifeshire,' by J. Wilson. 'Colebroke Mill, Devonshire,' by F. R. Lee, R.A. 'The Dissobedient Prophet,' by W. Huggins. 'At Ashford, Derbyshire,' by A. Vickers. 'Cottage Scene,' by F. W. Watts. 'Haddon Hall,' by A. J. Woolmer. 'Waiting for the Ferry on the Scheidt,' by H. Lancaster. 'Morning on the Wye at Tintern,' by A. Vickers. 'The Finishing Touch,' by R. Farrier. 'Pharodel dividing the Spoil with the Tribe,' by Thomas Chier.' Naperdy Bridge, Devonshire,' by F. R. Lee, R.A. 'The Finishing Touch,' by H. J. Boddington. 'A Scene on the Reshore at Night,' by R. Dadd. 'Saying Grace,' by S. Eglington. 'Glengary, Inverness-shire, by H. P. Parker. 'A Roadside Inan,' by H. J. Boddington. 'A Scene in Walea,' by S. Eglington. 'Glengary, by H. P. Parker. 'Children

The result of the exhibition has been, thus, highly satisfactory, the private sales amounting to £1267; the Art-Union produced £683; additional sums by fortunate prizeholders £385: making a total of £2335.

MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF DESIGN. — There has been a brilliant meeting at Manchester on this subject. The report is cheering. An introductory address was delivered to "the students," by Mr. George Wallis, the master appointed by the Council of the Government School of Design in London. The matter involves so many points, and our space this month is so much occupied, that we must postpone its consideration for the present.

BIRMINGHAM.—Among the probable results of the Birmingham Art-Union will be "the raising a fund in the present and succeeding year for the direct encouragement of an elevated taste in those engaged in the useful Arts throughout these dis-tricts, by the establishment of adequate premiums for the most classic productions in the several

engaged in the useful Arts throughout these districts, by the establishment of adequate premiums for the most classic productions in the several branches of manufacture in which the population of the midland counties are engaged."

PLYMOUTH.—The distribution of prizes in the West of England Art-Union has taken place. The number of subscribers for the present year is 368. Each subscriber will be entitled to receive an impression of the engraving, 'Wreck Scene on the North Coast of Devon,' and the following prizes have been set apart to be drawn for—one of 12 guineas; one of 3 guineas; one of 5 guineas; one of 4 guineas; one of 3 guineas; three of 2 guineas; and thirty India proof impressions of the print. The following passage from the report is worth extracting:—'The committee had the pleasure to receive last year a large number of subscribers from their Irish agent, but this year his efforts have been almost paralysed on their behalf."

Scotland.—Reports of the Association for the

SCOTLAND.—Reports of the Association for the Promotion of the Fine Arts in Scotland, and of the Art-Union of Scotland, for the Year 1842-3.— From the printed reports of these two institutions, which have just been issued, it is manifest, from which have just been issued, it is manifest, from what cause we pretend not to say, that they are progressing, to use an American phrase, in very opposite directions in the public favour. The first named, which has been longest established, and which has always received by far the largest smount of subscriptions, judging by the past year's experience, has reached, or rather passed, its culminating point, and seems rapidly on the decline. Up to the period of the bygone year the funds of the Association had exhibited a steady and striking progression; but last year we regret to perceive a falling off in the amount of subscriptions to the extent of £1412, the collection for the year 1841-2 having reached the sum of £6590, while that for 1842-3 amounts only to £5178. The report attempts to account for this shortcoming on the ground of the late commercial depression: we hope sincerely that it arises from no other cause than that unfortunate calamity, and wish that the revival of trade which has admittedly set in may restore the funds to at least as high a point as they hope sincerely that it arises from no other cause than that unfortunate calamity, and wish that the revival of trade which has admittedly set in may restore the funds to at least as high a point as they have hitherto arrived at; although, to speak candidly, we scarcely expect this will be the case. We have ere now felt called on, in the discharge of our public duty, to animadvert in rather unpleasant terms upon the proceedings of this body, and have had frequent complaints against them, and sincerely hope that the apparent lack of public confidence implied by the diminished subscription list is not a result of those errors we have been constrained to stigmatize. The partiality of their dealings with particular artists has long been a subject of complaint, and would justify some hesitation in the bestowal of a full public confidence. The Art-Union, on the other hand, the junior society, and one which has never received anything like the same extent of public patronage emjoyed by its elder brother (for, although the two bodies do quarrel a little, as brothers sometimes will do, we still hold them to be brethren), has nevertbeless kept steadily on, with a yearly augmenting revenue: last year the increase on their income over the preceding one is nearly one hundred pounds; no great matter to be sure, yet still of considerable importance when looking at the difference between a rising and a falling revenue. It is only justice to both institutions to state that the last named was not able in 1842-3 to expend more on the purchase of works of Art than £730, while the works purchased by the other amounted in price to £3247—a mighty difference in the extent of patronage bestowed upon Art. But the bodies are in the course of distributing their engravings among their respective subscribers: the Association issuing 'Italian Goatherds entertaining a Brother of the Santissima Trinita,' engraved by Miller, after R. Scott Lauder; the Art-Union, 'The Flowers of the Forest,' by Haig, after the late A. Somerville, a young artist o

want of that clearness in colour by which the other is distinguished, and there is a heaviness almost approaching to dulness in the treatment of the light. Mr. Haig has been very successful in his translation of the artist's feeling, and has produced a highly-creditable piece of engraving. The varied distribution of line to produce variety of texture is judicious and effective; the drawing is faithfully preserved, even where that was a little more than merely questionable. Of Mr. Miller's print we can hardly speak so favourably, particumore than merely questionable. Of Mr. Miller's print we can hardly speak so favourably, particularly in reference to the laying of his lines, some of which appear to us offensive and devoid of character, at least of the proper character; the toning, however, is exactly what we might have expected from this masterly wielder of the burin.

GLASGOW.—We regret our utter inability to insert some critical remarks on the late exhibition at Glasgow. We hope, however, to do so next month, when reporting its results.

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PAISLEY.—A public dinner was given on the 4th inst., at Paisley, to Mr. James Fillan, the sculptor, previous to leaving that place for London. It is gratifying to find a man thus receiving honour in his native place for his talents as an artist. Quite apart from the merits of the individual, we recognise in the circumstance a manifested respect for the Arts, which, we venture to think, deserves imitation. A subscription, we perceive, is in progress for a bust of Professor Wilson, to be executed by Mr. Fillan, and placed in some public situation in the town.

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DUBLIN.—Dr. Woodroffe, an eminent surgeon in high and extensive practice, has arranged to deliver, gratuitously, in Dublin, a series of lectures on "Anatomy as applied to the Arts." Perhaps in Europe there does not exist a professor better qualified for so important a task. He stands almost at the head of his profession as a practical anatomist, is an accomplished scholar, and a gentleman of large experience.

REVIEWS.

THE AMATEUR'S DRAWING-BOOK. By W. L. WALTON. Published by LONGMAN and Co. Publications of this class exhibit a striking amprovement in comparison with those offered to the public in the days of our fathers. The work

the public in the days of our fathers. The work contains twelve lithograph plates, executed in a tint by Standidge and Co. The plates are preceded by instructions practically exemplified in the drawings, which are intended to teach sketching without the aid of a master, upon the principle, that to afford the pupil the power of dispensing with elementary instruction is at least one step in the proper direction; and it is presumed that, if the instructions here offered to the pupil be carethe instructions here offered to the pupil be carefully followed, he will at once be taught the nature of the difficulties opposed to his progress, and the manner of successfully combating them. The views are for the most part close scenes, with trees freely pencilled—the brighest lights are put in with white. They are designed as models for the pupil to follow, and are as well calculated, perhaps, for that purpose as copies can be. Mr. Walton has considerable powers of execution; and waiton has considerable powers of execution; and his style cannot fail to be popular, from his ease and neatness of "finish..." The printer's part of this publication—(in lithography, always a very essential part)—has been performed in a very satisfactory manner—so satisfactory, indeed, that we cannot hesitate to record another valuable addition to our few send Facility lith. addition to our few good English lithographic printers.*

PORTBAITS OF THE PRINCES AND PEOPLE OF INDIA. By the Hon. E. EDEN. Drawn on Stone by Lowes Dickenson. Publishers, Dickenson and Co.

This very beautiful to.

This very beautiful and interesting publication is now completed. It consists of four parts, the whole containing twenty-four prints, and ranging in size and appearance with that very valuable work, "Costume and Character in Afighanistan," and the other volumes of the class. The drawings are

* We do not form our opinion of Messrs. Standidge and Co. from this example only. We have before us a very beautiful "Sheet Almanac," executed in co-lours, from their press. The design is decidedly good; and it has been printed in so clear and forcible a manner, as to justify very high praise of the establish-ment from which it emanates.

from the pencil of an accomplished lady—the sister, we imagine, of Lord Auckland — who enjoyed peculiar advantages in opportunities of studying the several subjects introduced. Her drawings have, happily, fallen into good hands; she can have no reason to regret her having given copies of them to the world, for Mr. Dickenson has rendered ample justice to the originals by the skilful and forcible manner in which he has transferred them to the stone. Indeed, it would have been very difficult to have found in this country an artist to have produced the work in a manner more entirely worthy of the Art.

GRISELDA. Painted by C. R. LESLIE, R.A. Engraved by J. POSSELWHITE. Publisher, M. M. HOLLOWAY.

An engraving after Leslie is a rarity now-a-days. Would that it were less so. This is a sweet imbodyment of one of the most beautiful creations of Old Chaucer. Poor patient Grissel! Who does not know her story? She is here represented as sented as-

"With foot and head all bare, Toward her father's house forth is she fare, But full of patience and benignitie."

Perhaps the expression of her gentle countenance has somewhat too much of physical pain; but it is beauty heavily borne down and broken by an oppressive shower—hard to bear and live. It has been very nicely engraved, and makes an interesting and valuable print.

VIEWS OF THE RUINS AND PICTURESQUE SCENERY OF CHEPSTOW, TINTERN, AND RAG-LAN. From Nature, and lithographed by LOUIS HAGHE. Bristol: Published by GEORGE DAVEY.

GEORGE DAVEY.

We have here a very charming series of prints, by the most accomplished lithographic draughtsman in England, of subjects famous for their unrivalled beauty and deep interest. It commences with views on the Avon, about "fair Clifton," and passes thence to those of the romantic Wye. They are of great variety, comprising pictured incidents, from the distant town to the river rushing mong overshaving trees; but each is rendered among overhanging trees; but each is rendered with a keen eye to the purely picturesque. They are admirable as copies for younger students; for they will teach nothing that must be afterwards "untaught." The publication reflects the highest credit on the taste and liberality of a provincial publisher—Mr. Davey of Bristol. We trust he will be so successful in finding it appreciated that a continuation of the series will soon appear.

OUTLINES of CELEBRATED PICTURES. By JAMES DICKSON. Published by the Artist, 3, Ben-tinck-terrace, Regent's-park.

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The first volume of this work has been issued. We noticed, with approval, the first part. The work, as we intimated, consists of outlines of famous pictures, by ancient and modern artists, in the several galleries of Europe. They are of a good size, and appear to have been copied skilfully and accurately. At all events they afford just and very useful ideas of the original works; and the selection has been made with sound judgment and discretion. The first volume is divided into two parts, issued separately—one consisting of "sacred," and the other of "miscellaneous" subjects. The plan is a good one, for it enables the producer to publish a large number of copies at a comparatively small price.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE print to be issued with the March number of the ART-UNION will be one of the series of outlines, by Mr. Selous, illustrating the "Pitgrim's Progress," a collection that will be universally accepted as honourable to the artist, the country, and the Arts; and for which the public will owe a debt of gratitude to the Society, in whose judicious thought it originated. During the whole of the months of February and March the subscription-list to the Art-Union of London will be kept open; and the fact that each subscriber, in addition to his chance of a picture, will be entitled to this series of outline, and a print in line by Goodall after Stanfield, cannot fail to augment the list very largely, as it certainly ought to do. Either the print or the set of outlines will be well worth the guines.

The case concerning the "Van Ryck Enquiry," we can learn nothing about at present.

Best thanks to our correspondent in Dundee. What he suggests will be done ere long.

BARONIAL HALLS.

THE PUBLISHERS regret being compelled to postpone the publication of the THIRD PART of this work, in consequence of the breaking of one of the Stones while on the Press—an accident of not unfrequent occurrence in Lithographic Printing. It will, however, be published on the First of March, and the FOURTH PART, in its usual course, on the First of April; so that no delay in the progress of the publication will take place.—186, Strand, January 31, 1844.

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